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Presidential Address

To the 1981 Annual Convention of the Theoretical Society
Adrian, 26 December 1981

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Adyar, 26 December 1983

THE future of man, the subject of the Besant Lecture delivered by the Prime Minister of India at the Convention last year, is a matter which must be considered seriously by every one of us. Care for the future means giving attention to the present. Our present actions can lead either to further deterioration in the future, or to a turn for the better. It is important to realize that the future does not arrive somehow by itself but is created by us in the present.

Indian tradition speaks about four types of men, including animal-men and real men. The real man is one who acts with awareness of his own action. He not only sees what he is doing but is conscious of the nature and quality of his action and its implications.

When man is really intelligent, and as he grows in awareness, he ceases to be near-sighted. Generally, most people attribute importance to what is immediate. They imagine that they know where a problem lies because they perceive an immediate cause. In such a view there can be a great deal of illusion—as much as when a person thinks that the origin of the music he hears is in the knob of the radio, or when he believes that the source of light is in a switch which is turned on. The music is of course

not in the knob of the radio, nor in the radio itself, nor in the transmitting station, nor even in the vocal cords of the singer. One has to go far back to arrive at facts as they actually are.

Thus in dealing with the more important events of life, people habitually give importance to the immediate or apparent cause. For example, the cause of conflict or tension in a certain place often appears to be the action of a particular nation or people. Because of not examining the question carefully, and failing to probe far enough in order to discover the true cause, passions are excited in favour of, or against, those who trigger the events. Lack of vision and absence of awareness of what lies below the surface are forms of blindness which give rise to grave conflicts. Because of an unwillingness to enquire into deeper causes, mankind condemns itself to continual irritation, tension and unending problems—personal as well as national. This is a form of ignorance which almost nobody recognizes as ignorance.

It is essential for the well-being of humanity that more and more people should act in a responsible manner, which can only happen when there is more awareness. The animal-man acts by reflex, unthinkingly. His mind is

conditioned by petty ideas and memories. The real man does not act out of such ignorance; he is much more fully aware of the implications of his own and other people's actions. Because he is more far-sighted, he is capable of seeing not only the deeper causes but also of foreseeing distant and far-reaching effects.

The inability to see into the root cause goes hand in hand with the inability to anticipate consequences which are not immediate. It is for this reason that people almost invariably work for the immediately desirable end rather than for a far-reaching benefit.

The work of the Theosophical Society is to bring about such understanding of man's individual problems and of humanity's predicament as arises out of seeing the whole width and scope of the matter. The future cannot be a bright one if individuals and nations are concerned only with making what appear to be advantageous moves, as in a game of chess. There are endless variations in circumstances, and it is impossible to envisage an endless series of moves to counteract them. Therefore human action flounders in confusion and ends in unhappiness. To resolve this we must be concerned with the quality of the mind from which thought and action arise. It is towards this quality that the Theosophical Society must point.

As problems and pressures increase, the number of those who seek escape is also growing. People flock towards those who offer ready means to mental and spiritual satisfaction. We see an upsurge of interest in the occult, in sensational teachings and in all kinds of cults. Though it may appear to be an interest in the spiritual life and in truth, this interest is too often

merely symptomatic of deep unease in the minds of people. It is anxiety to find relief from pressure and from the prevailing mental confusion which drives so many to false propagandists and unscrupulous exploiters of religion. Real seekers for truth and those who are truly dedicated to the leading of the spiritual life cannot become victims. They remain untouched and non-dependent because they are concerned only with discovery and not with escape and emotional satisfaction. Our Society must encourage such independence and genuine search for truth. Its role is not one of offering passing satisfaction and easy solutions.

Many things are achieved at present through propaganda, which generally involves disguising and distorting facts and making seductive promises. The desperate struggle for political power and economic resources in which various nations are engaged cannot be carried on without its aid. Therefore almost every country has evolved a machinery for converting minds, in order to serve the vested interests of the few.

Minds are most easily dominated when irrational beliefs and blind faith replace thinking and independent enquiry. Political ideology and religious fanaticism are allied, when convenient, in the business of subverting intelligence and imposing authority. The upsurge of so-called religious fundamentalism and the positions of power to which some men have risen through retrograde interpretations of scriptures show to what extent brainwashing and conditioning of minds can be successfully done with the aid of propaganda.

It is through propaganda that the world is kept dangerously divided in

confronting groups, in spite of the fact that even ordinary common sense makes it clear that confrontation benefits nobody. Religion, ethnic differences, political concepts are all used as weapons to separate the peoples of the earth, because it is only through division that power can be maintained.

In the midst of so much confusion and hypocrisy, the minds of members of the Theosophical Society must be clear, and not vague and ready for compromises. Expediency is part of the way of life of those who have selfish ends, but not of those who are moved by altruistic purpose; members of the Society must belong to the latter category.

The cause of Theosophy cannot be forwarded by ambiguity. It requires that the mind should become more aware—more capable of seeing far into the root causes and into the future. The sort of propaganda which is an indispensable tool for power-seekers, has no place in the work of our Society which is concerned with helping people become more aware and intelligent and not with conditioning minds and instilling beliefs. The Society does not exist in order to persuade or entice people. As Madame Blavatsky said: 'The Society ... believes in nothing, accepts nothing, teaches nothing.' Its sole purpose is to encourage the search for Truth and its discovery, each one by himself. Therefore it must work without bias in favour of any one version of truth, without doing propaganda for particular preconceived notions concerning the Truth. The Society can ill afford to give room to bigots, sectarians or fanatics who have no use for a questioning mind or independent enquiry.

What the Society and its members must labour for is best stated in the words of its founder: 'All of us must work for the liberation of human thought, for the elimination of selfish and sectarian superstition and for the discovery of all the truths that are within the reach of the human mind.' Without a free and intelligent mind and a far-reaching perception, and as long as selfishness and superstition cloud the consciousness, the state of dignity and completeness which characterizes the real man cannot be attained.

There is even now the promise of a new awareness emerging out of the surrounding barbarism, selfishness and superstition. This awareness is evident here and there among those who recognize the unitary nature of life and man's role in a harmoniously interlinked world. The new current of thought and feeling could gain strength through knowledge of Theosophical principles. In this situation members of the Society cannot be neutral or indifferent. The most important qualifications for membership are unselfishness of purpose, devotion to the interests of others, and single-mindedness in the search for truth.

The important event of last year was the Adyar Centenary Convention in which 1,912 delegates took part. Adyar seemed to have acquired a specially beautiful aspect and atmosphere for the occasion. The lectures, discussions and other events were of a high standard. Among those who were especially invited to lecture were the Prime Minister of India, Mrs P. Jayakar, Cultural Adviser to the Government of India, and

Mr Achyut Patwardhan, a nationally respected leader. A number of eminent scientists and scholars also participated in the discussions. The talks and discussions have been fully published in the special issue (April-May 1983) of THE THEOSOPHIST. The Convention was made all the more memorable by the inauguration of a tree-planting programme by Mr J. Krishnamurti. A number of flowering trees were planted later by delegates.

The various steps then taken to beautify the campus and vitalize the activities at Headquarters are continuing. In connection with this Convention the Society received exceptionally good publicity in the newspapers and journals of India.

Following the Adyar Centenary Convention, there was the Indo-Pacific Conference at Manila, which unfortunately I could not attend. However, the presence of Miss Joy Mills and several other well-known figures made the conference a fruitful one.

During the year, contacts were maintained as usual by the lecturing and travelling undertaken by a number of people. I myself spent several weeks visiting countries in South and Central America. In almost all of them, judging by the audiences at lectures, there was evidence of greater public interest in Theosophical thought.

Mr Surendra Narayan, the Vice-President, was the chief guest at the American Section Convention. Accompanied by Mrs Narayan, he travelled to several places in the United States and spoke at the summer camps. Miss Ianthe Hoskins made an extensive tour of Australia and New Zealand. Mr

and Mrs Rohit Mehta were guests at the English summer school and lectured in some other countries of Europe. Mr K. Ramanathan was invited to Malaysia and Singapore, areas which receive visitors infrequently.

In January, Mr Geoffrey Hodson died at the age of 97 in New Zealand, where he and Mrs Hodson had made their home for a number of years. His numerous admirers all over the world will miss the guidance and counsel which he offered so generously to all those who sought his help. For a number of decades his tireless lecturing work and the books which he wrote made a special contribution in the Theosophical field. Undoubtedly his work will continue through his published writings, the latest of which is *The Concealed Wisdom in World Mythology*. While paying our tribute to him, we also remember him as a crusader for vegetarianism and a more humane way of life.

Another well-known figure to depart from earthly existence was Christmas Humphreys. He joined the Theosophical Society while still an undergraduate and later became a prominent Buddhist. In 1924 he founded the Buddhist Society in London and over the years he wrote a number of books on Buddhism. He was chairman of the Mahatma Letters Trust and co-editor of the third edition of *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*. Among others who passed away during the year were Mr R.H. Patel, who had been General Secretary of the East African Section for several years and a self-effacing worker for the Theosophical Order of Service. Venezuela lost Mr Pablo Bonilla who was one of their principal workers. In the Indian Section, Mr H.B. Vaishnav, who had been General

Secretary of the Section for a short period, passed away.

The report from the United States mentions the continuing attraction that special issues of *The American Theosophist* have for subscribers and others. Grants made by the Kern Foundation make it possible for the Section to invite well-known writers to contribute articles. The Section offers three different series of radio programmes. The newsletter which is sent to prisoners is increasingly in demand. Through the lending and sale of audio and video cassettes and new releases in the Quest book series, Theosophical ideas are disseminated to members and the public. The membership in the United States now stands at 5,336.

The American Section has undertaken the production and publication of the international science magazine, *Theosophy/Science* which had, until recently, been brought out in England by a distinguished team led by Dr Lester Smith. The journal will henceforth be called *The Theosophical Research Journal* and will have an international editorial board.

In India the total number of members is 10,310. Here the dissemination work is not of the same character as elsewhere because of the numerous languages spoken within this single Section. As time passes, there are fewer people for whom English is the language of communication. Therefore, lectures and books have to be provided in at least ten vernaculars. Within the Section there are several magazines in local languages. The General Secretary reports that there has been more work done by national lecturers this year. Theosophical literature

was represented in book fairs, particularly in Calcutta and Delhi. The Theosophical Order of Service is active in the Section, which is of course how it should be in view of the suffering which exists in this and other poor countries.

On the South American sub-continent the two largest Sections are Brazil and Argentina with memberships of 833 and 630 respectively. Brazil, being the fifth largest country in the world, has the problem of distance separating its forty Lodges and nine study groups. The General Secretary reports that the work is being carried on satisfactorily and that the income from the sale of books is increasing.

Argentina has thirty Lodges and four study groups. Every year a summer school is organized at which members from different parts of the country can meet and study together. The new centre in San Rafael has grown quickly and can already provide accommodation for several dozen people. Further building will add to the facilities. A considerable amount of audio-visual material and guides for study is being prepared. Translation work is also going on.

From Colombia it is reported that the sale of Theosophical books is good. Mr Walter Ballesteros, the present General Secretary, has laboured for years to bring out translations from English as well as other Spanish publications. The latest publications are *To Those Who Mourn*, *The Way of Self-Knowledge* and *The Ascending Path*.

In Venezuela, the work has improved and a new Lodge was formed. In Bolivia and Uruguay work is being carried on steadily. There are regular public lectures and weekly radio programmes in

Montevideo. In Chile, the main activity is in Santiago and Valparaiso. Attendance at meetings is said to be increasing.

The report from Cuba mentions that all Lodges are active. They hold monthly meetings at which the members are encouraged to study and work for expansion.

Central America is unfortunately a very troubled area. In spite of difficult conditions, the three Lodges in Nicaragua hold weekly meetings. Lodges in El Salvador and Guatemala are also courageously carrying on. It is hoped that Costa Rica, which is a strictly neutral country, will remain free from conflict and that our Lodges there will be able to strengthen their work and be of help to the neighbouring areas.

Puerto Rico has a very small membership. It is planned, with the aid and encouragement of the American Section, to hold a summer school for the Central American members near the capital city of San Juan. The General Secretary, Mr A. Charneco, reports that an interest in Theosophy has been created in neighbouring Dominica.

A generous donation has enabled the Canadian Section to prepare a film entitled 'Beyond Conflict', which can be shown on video screens. The Section regularly presents the books of H.P.B. to university libraries. In order to help the French-speaking members in Canada, the Société Theosophique de Québec was formed last January. It works in cooperation with the Canadian Federation.

Dr Hugh Gray, General Secretary of the English Section, points out in his report that the problem before us is 'to consolidate the teachings of Theosophy in a broad, eclectic and modern way while

remaining faithful to the basic principles established by H.P.B., which are timeless'. This, in fact, applies to all Sections. The activities in the Headquarters at London have increased and include classes on *The Secret Doctrine*, comparative religion, meditation, and Theosophy for enquirers. Out of 2,071 members in England, 730 are unattached. The Theosophical Publishing House in London has had a successful year. The Section gave assistance to the B.B.C. to make a film on Dr Annie Besant which will be shown next year. A number of study week-ends and seminars were held in the Tekels Park estate at Camberley.

A large number of members from France attended the Centenary Convention at Adyar and also the Pays Latin summer school in Spain. At the French National Convention held in April, a number of Lodge Presidents and Secretaries met together. The Section encourages enquirers to attend Theosophical programmes for some time before joining the Society.

In Ireland, regular work goes on in spite of the disturbed conditions. The annual Convention was held with members of the Dublin Lodge taking part. The work in Dublin itself has been handicapped by the prolonged absence from the country of the General Secretary. The work in Wales is centred in Cardiff and Colwyn Bay.

Sweden and Finland work in close cooperation. A Swedish translation of *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom* has been published. In Finland the publications included *Man, Visible and Invisible*. The Executive Committee of the Finnish Section helped to organize public lectures all over the country. The report from

Norway mentions that the demand for books is increasing. In Denmark printing machinery was obtained to help in the publishing work.

The Headquarters of the Netherlands Section has moved back from Utrecht to Amsterdam. Several week-ends and summer schools attended by a large number of non-members took place in the Centre in Naarden.

New publications were brought out in Italy also. They included a revised edition of the third volume of *The Secret Doctrine*, Dr Besant's *Death and After* and C.W. Leadbeater's *Man, Visible and Invisible* and *Devachan*. *Man, Visible and Invisible* was also published in Yugoslavia.

For the second time a School of Theosophy was held for European members. This took place in Germany. A long-felt need is met by this activity and plans are being made to organize such schools in other places in the future.

The Austrian General Secretary, Dr Norbert Lauppert, writes about the need to discover a new way of presenting Theosophy and the role of the Theosophical Society. He mentions that after the end of a six-month introductory course in Theosophy, the appreciative participants presented flowers instead of application forms because, he says, there is a reluctance nowadays to join organizations.

The Greek Section's magazine *Ilisos* has a circulation of 3,000 although the number of members is only a little over 200. Dr Besant's *Evolution of Life and Form*, and *Reincarnation* by Irving Cooper have been published.

Work is going on steadily in Belgium and Portugal. Reports have not been

received from several Sections, including Iceland, Switzerland, Spain, Scotland and Eire.

The membership in New Zealand has increased. It is reported that *Theosophy in New Zealand* continually attracts new members. A postal library, cassettes, films, radio, study courses, and letters to new members are used.

In Australia there is 'a desire to study and assimilate the basic Theosophical concepts, and the Lodges and Groups who are following up on the work are the ones who have a more active life'. The membership is concentrated in the major cities, in all of which there are Theosophical bookshops. A seminar for training lecturers and workshop leaders was held in the Manor Centre.

The report from the Philippines mentions that Theosophical books were displayed at the University of Life and at an international book fair. An inter-Lodges meeting is held every month and is proving to be of much use.

The General Secretary for Indonesia reports that the prospect is not very encouraging in the country at present, in spite of which one new Lodge was started in Central Java. The work in Burma is carried on mostly in Rangoon. I regret to say that it became impossible for the Society to exist in Vietnam. In Malaysia there are three Lodges. The work in Pakistan is mainly in Karachi where Theosophical work began in 1896. Study classes and other programmes go on regularly there. The Lodge in Hyderabad has also picked up strength. The T.O.S. is very active in Pakistan.

The new Organizing Secretary for West Africa, Mr J.O.K. Edusei, with his deputy Mr T.B. Kwakyi, visited eight branches

and three centres in Ghana. They plan to visit other areas later. A Convention was held in Accra and a week-end seminar in Kumasi.

The French-speaking members of West Africa are attached to the French Section. Madame Francoise Caracostea and her colleagues are actively corresponding with them and she plans to visit the area in January 1984. In South Africa, some of the Lodges are in isolated areas and therefore suffer from a lack of close contact. The Convention of the Section was held in Pretoria.

Reports have also come from those Lodges which are attached direct to Adyar. There is a small Lodge in Surinam which holds regular meetings with several non-members present. The only Lodge in Japan is in Tokyo, but it is active. So are the Lodge in Comilla (Bangladesh), two Lodges in Israel, and the Singapore Lodge.

The World Theosophical Youth Federation is centred in Brazil. Three issues of its newsletter, called *The Universal Man*, were brought out and two youth camps were held in Brazil. The members of the Youth Federation are scattered over a number of countries. Their aim is 'to share the spirit of the Theosophical Society among young people'. Mr A. Sisson Filho, the Chairman, reports progress during 1983.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service has been carried on parallel to the Lodge work in a number of areas. The Order has been active in India with several different projects including rural upliftment in Bihar, help to the disabled and the poor, and aid to children and the victims of natural disasters. In Australia, England, the United States and other

countries there is a consciousness of the need of poorer regions and a considerable amount of aid is given by members there to the H.P.B. hostel in Adyar and other charitable activities.

Everywhere in the world, there is a need for workers and people who are capable of speaking, conducting discussions, etc. The training of future workers as well as the growth of understanding in current workers is very much aided by the courses in Theosophical Centres and by the very atmosphere of such places. A continuous study and training programme is going on in the Krotona Centre in California which has become a gathering place for students from many countries. In Adyar, for many decades study courses and training programmes have been offered, first under the auspices of the School of the Wisdom, later by its successor, the present International Centre of Theosophical Studies. For the last two years, the first term has concentrated on providing opportunities for the direct study of Theosophical principles, while the second term has been devoted to understanding the path to perfection. Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, the Director of the Centre, reports that the students came from many countries. For the first time, guidance was given by her to a research Fellow from the Californian Institute of Integral Studies, who attended the courses. Scholarships were offered to five students and it is hoped that in the future more students from different parts of the world can be helped to come to Adyar to take part in the programmes of the Centre of Studies.

In the Adyar Library, the Director, Dr K.K. Raja, and Dr A.G. Krishna

Warrier, guided the work of four candidates for doctoral degrees. Work was done on restoration into Sanskrit of valuable texts available only in Tibetan, for which a grant was received from the Government of India. The Government also gave grants-in-aid for a photocopying machine and other essential equipment. A beginning has been made to establish an endowment fund for the library, the interest from which will support the work which was so dear to the heart of our President-Founder.

During the year, T.P.H. Adyar published the last work of Mr Geoffrey Hodson, as already mentioned. For many years, Dr Annie Besant's autobiography has been out of print. This year T.P.H. is making this inspiring book available once again.

Very generous donations are being received from Mr J.K. Patnaik and Dr B.K. Patnaik for the Book Gift Fund at Adyar. A considerable number of books have been presented to Lodges in countries where the export of money is prohibited and also to other Lodges which do not have the means to equip themselves with a library. The work of the Book Gift Fund will gain greater momentum in the coming year, as T.P.H. is planning a systematic programme of aid.

I am glad to say that THE THEOSOPHIST is slowly but steadily gaining appreciation and popularity. The management of this magazine and that of the *Adyar Newsletter* falls under the T.P.H. It had been our hope that information about Adyar and the international work would go to a larger number of members by publishing the

Adyar Newsletter in three languages other than English. Alas, this hope has not been realized and the project has been given up because the number of subscriptions did not reach our expectations.

It has been customary to mention in the Presidential address the staff changes which have taken place at the International Headquarters. I must mention the appointment of Mr R. Gopalaratnam as Manager of the T.P.H. In Leadbeater Chambers, Mr A. Sabry El-Hakim from Egypt took charge as Superintendent. Mr K. Ramanathan is for the present taking care of the Bhojanasala. Mr R.M. Tolani has been appointed Superintendent of the Maintenance Department, while Mr S. Lakshman Rao has been given charge of the Moveable Properties Department.

As I reported last year, various necessary steps were taken to maintain the security of the Adyar estate and to preserve its beauty and dignity. The programme of building boundary walls and growing thorn hedges on the boundaries is continuing. It is also proposed to increase the residential accommodation within the estate.

I am very grateful for the continuing support which members give for all that has been done and is to be done in the future. In spite of the heavy expenditure on walls and necessary maintenance, the financial position of the Society is not unsatisfactory. Because of the restriction on the export of money, a considerable number of Sections are unable to send dues to Headquarters. But the generosity of other Sections and members helps to maintain the balance. □

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1983

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in submitting this report on the accounts and finances of the Society for the year ended 30th September 1983.

Consequent on the change of the accounting year to 30th September, the accounts of last year were prepared for the half year ending 30th September 1982. For the purpose of comparing results of this year with those of the last half year, I have taken proportionate figures for a similar period.

The total Departmental expenditure shows an increase of Rs. 46,973. The overall expenditure excluding departmental expenditure has come down by Rs. 125,039. Donations have gone up by Rs. 28,499 and the interest by Rs. 71,688. The overall deficit after charging depreciation of Rs. 120,819 on Immovable Property and after providing Rs. 50,000 for repairs to buildings other than those of Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers comes to Rs. 75,261 as against a deficit of Rs. 63,260 for the half year period of last year.

The buildings being old need constant repairs and renovation. There is also need for regular manuring of the coconut and other fruit-bearing trees. With the increased cost of materials and labour the expenditure on these items tends to increase. Yet these expenses are absolutely necessary.

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS :

1. Adyar Library :

The publication account shows a deficit of Rs. 25,984 as against a surplus of Rs. 16,297 in the last half year. The publication expenditure has increased by Rs. 60,525. Fluctuations are normal, depending on the number of books printed and the grants made by Government. The overall net expenditure comes to Rs. 126,245 as against Rs. 18,856 in the preceding half year.

2. Bhojanasala :

a) **Boarding** : The net deficit is down by Rs. 10,520

b) **Lodging** : The net surplus is more by Rs. 1,314.

3. Garden Department :

Large-scale manuring of the coconut trees has been started this year in order to increase the yield. The sale of coconuts showed considerable improvement over the preceding year, the sales being Rs. 148,852, compared to the proportionate sales of Rs. 94,796 for a full year last year. There was however a sharp decline in the yield from mangoes, cashewnuts and tamarind because of drought conditions. Still the overall deficit is less by Rs. 2,089.

4. Leadbeater Chambers :

The boarding section which had been discontinued was partially resumed in the year under review. A combined account for lodging and boarding sections

has been maintained. The overall surplus comes to Rs. 5,670 as against Rs. 6,446 in the previous half year.

5. Maintenance Department :

The net expenditure on maintenance has gone up by Rs. 84,832. This is due to large-scale building maintenance and repair work having been done during the year.

6. The Theosophical Publishing House

a) **The Theosophist :** The expenditure is less by Rs. 6,028 and the income is more by Rs. 8,167. The net deficit is less by Rs. 14,195.

b) **The Adyar Newsletter :** The expenses have gone up by Rs. 2,364 and the income is more by Rs. 5,583. The net deficit is less by Rs. 3,219.

c) **The Theosophical Publishing House :** The sales have gone up by Rs. 154,678. The publication expenditure has gone down by Rs. 31,940 and the purchase of books, incense sticks, stationery etc. has gone up by Rs. 72,985. In this year we had additional income from the sale of Replenishment Licenses to the tune of Rs. 57,818. There was also income to the tune of Rs. 55,541 received from the sale of books, the cost of which has been generously donated by a member. Hence the net income is up by Rs. 124,887.

7. Vasanta Press :

The production surplus is up by Rs. 27,662 and expenses including depreciation have gone up by Rs. 38,766 with the result that the net deficit has gone up by Rs. 11,104.

8. Capital Expenditure :

The following are the major items of capital expenditure :

	Rs.
Adyar Library :	
Books and Manuscripts	10,942
Furniture	10,164
Leadbeater Chambers : Utensils	9,388
Maintenance Department :	
Pumpsets, Motors etc	29,894
Fans	10,035
Machinery, Tools & Equipment	5,407
Telephone cables	5,135
Buildings at Adyar	49,786
Compound walls	234,000
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	364,751

In addition to the above, new buildings are being constructed in Damodar Gardens from donations received for that purpose. The amount spent upto 30-9-83 comes to Rs. 802,408.

BALANCE SHEET :

1. General Fund :

The General Fund has increased by the transfer of the following :

	Rs.
Donations received for	
construction of new buildings	
in Damodar Gardens	802,408
Sikh and Jewish Temples Fund	39,208
Government Grant for books &	
Furniture purchased for	
Adyar Library	14,000
Donations and other transfers	6,849

In order to create a fund for a new building for the Theosophical Publishing House, a sum of Rs. 50,000 has been transferred from the General Fund to a separate fund as resolved by the General Council in December 1982. After this transfer, the General Fund stood at Rs. 7,452,385 on 30-9-83 as against Rs. 6,615,005 as at the end of the previous year.

2. The Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund:

The A. B. C. Fund has increased by the following

	Rs.
50% of the Estate of Charles Hunter	290,677
Peron Trust	13,834
Estate of Jean McNair	1,181,584
Estate of Louise Erling	
Havrevold	67,853
Estate of Rajaram Sakharam Bhagvat	9,425
Surplus on sale of shares	316,637
Incentive received from sharebrokers on investing in Government Companies	23,125
Other Donations	58,429
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	1 961,564

For The John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund, we have received donations to the tune of Rs. 21,578. The total of these two funds put together stood at Rs. 5 524,688 as on 30-9-83 as against Rs. 3,541,546 at the end of the previous year.

3. Miscellaneous Funds:

1. The Adyar Estate Improvement Fund which stood at Rs. 11,980 in the previous year has increased by the following:

	Rs.
Donations from a friend	50,000
50% Estate of Charles Hunter	290,677
Surplus on the publication of the Souvenir in 1982	116,300
1982 Adyar Centenary Fund (transfer)	211,153
Provision made for building maintenance	50,000
Other Donations	98,081
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	816,211

After meeting the expenses on major repairs to buildings etc. amounting to Rs. 164,186, the balance available in this fund as on 30-9 83 is Rs. 664,005.

2. New Funds Created:

- a) The T. P. H. Building Fund Rs. 50,000
- b) Adyar Library Endowment Fund Rs. 20,000
- c) Olcott Schools Endowment Fund Rs. 70,000

3. Kotagiri Properties:

Sri Sanathana Chaitanya has agreed to buy these properties for Rs. 650,000 to start a residential school based on Indian heritage and culture. An advance of Rs. 65,000 has been received. The balance amount is expected to be received and the sale completed before the end of February 1984.

4. Investments:

The long-term bank deposits which stood at Rs. 3,909,900 in the previous year have increased to Rs. 3,981,900. The deposits in Government Companies which stood at 115,000 in the previous year have increased to Rs 2,700,000. The total long-term investments stood at Rs. 6,681,900 as on 30-9-1983 as against Rs. 4,024,900 in the previous year.

Taking all factors into account, the overall position of the finances of the Society is satisfactory.

(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

Expenditure	Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82		Current Year 1-10-82 to 30-9-83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results :				
Adyar Library ...	- 18,856		- 126,245	
Bhojanasala ...	- 14,890		- 19,260	
Garden Department ...	- 29,264		- 56,439	
Maintenance Department ...	- 63,105		- 211,042	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 28,053		+ 180,993	
Vasanta Press ...	- 57,421		- 125,946	
		155,483		357,939
Establishment and other Expenses :				
Bad Debts ...	4,681		—	
Contribution to Schools ...	60,000		15,000	
Child Welfare Centre ...	5,006		9,847	
Circulars etc. to Gen. Secretaries ...	914		2,565	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	966		2,074	
Dispensary ...	8,151		18,139	
Estate Management ...	6,327		16,345	
Fire Insurance ...	802		1,703	
Headquarters Department ...	8,509		20,346	
Information & Public Relations Department ...	2,137		3,601	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	193		415	
Interest on Funds ...	3,261		6,715	
International Offices ...	33,227		73,424	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	5,942		5,261	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	1,465		2,918	
Legal and Audit expenses ...	5,500		9,575	
Miscellaneous ...	3,435		2,923	
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	8,650		14,718	
Movable properties Department ...	12,074		28,463	
Museum and Archives ...	3,025		1,786	
Postage, Telegrams & Telephones ...	7,679		15,689	
Printing and Stationery ...	12,098		13,722	
P.F. Administration ...	715		1,535	
Retirement allowance ...	13,290		26,523	
Sanitary Department ...	9,463		13,492	
Security Department ...	106,629		168,492	
Taxes ...	17,166		33,550	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,139		2,777	
		342,444		511,598
c/o		497,927		869,537

THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1983

Income	Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82		Current Year 1-10-82 to 30-9-83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Donations		12,435		53,369
Fees and Dues		132,639		129,813
Interest		287,312		646,292
Licence fee		18,000		36,000
Overhead Charges		3,642		10,411
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)		54,390		114,144
Excess of Expenditure over Income		63,260		75,261
c/o		571,678		1,065,290

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

Expenditure	Half Year 1-4-82 to 30-9-82		Current Year 1-10-82 to 30-9-83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f		497,927		869,537
Provisions :				
For Gratuity	5,837		9,024	
For Building Maintenance		5,837	50,000	59,024
Depreciation :				
On Kotagiri Property	1,703		3,405	
On Immovable Property	47,962		97,912	
On Adyar Library Building	9,751		19,502	
On Film Projector, Airconditioner & Tape Recorder	1,790		3,219	
On Motor Vehicles	2,114		3,806	
On Movable Properties	4,594	67,914	8,885	136,729
		571,678		1,065,290

ADYAR,
3rd December 1983

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
(Miss) Tjioe Siang Nio,
Hony. Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
FOR N.A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.
Ananthanarayanan, F.C.A., Partner.

Liabilities	30th September '82		30th September '83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund :				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	6,629,769		6,615,005	
Add : Receipts during the Year				
Donations for Damodar Garden Bldg. ...	—		802,408	
Donations (Others) ...	2,757		4,347	
Reversal of Depreciation (Books of Adyar Library) ...	—		107,676	
Adyar Micro-Film Fund Transfer ...	2,034		—	
Adyar Employees Fund Transfer ...	23,069		—	
Special Purposes Fund Transfer ...	2,500		—	
Sikh Temple Fund Transfer ...	—		27,927	
Jewish Temple Fund Transfer ...	—		11,281	
Value of Books and Furniture for Adyar Library Purchased from Government Grants ...	18,000		14,000	
Other Transfers ...	136		2,502	
	6,678,265		7,585,146	
Less : Transfer to TPH Building fund ...	—		50,000	
Less : Adjustment in foreign Securities for fall in Exchange rates ...	—		7,535,146	
			7,500	
Less : Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	63,260		7,527,646	
			75,261	
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b) ...	2,781,888	6,615,005	4,743,452	7,452,385
John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund (b) ...	759,658		781,236	
President's Travelling Fund :		3,541,546		5,524,688
Vice-President's Travelling Fund :		46,213		43,377
		24,147		12,622
C/o		10,226,911		13,033,072

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

30th SEPTEMBER 1983

Assets		30th September '82		30th September '83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
FIXED ASSETS :					
Immovable Properties (At Cost)		184,735		184,735	
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)					
As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,331,892		3,366,115		
Additions ...	34,223		49,379		
	3,366,115		3,415,494		
Less : Depreciation to date ...	1,319,280	2,046,835	1,417,192	1,998,302	
Buildings (Damodar Gardens)		—		802,408	
Adyar Library Building (At Cost)		780,070	780,070		
Less : Depreciation to date ...	254,363	525,707	273,865	506,205	
Gulisten - Kotagiri (At Cost)		49,980	49,980		
Less : Depreciation to date ...	18,958	31,022	20,207	29,773	
Rose Windows - Kotagiri (At Cost)		30,000	30,000		
Less : Depreciation to date ...	6,375	23,625	7,125	22,875	
High Cliff - Kotagiri (At Cost)		56,237	56,237		
Less : Depreciation to date ...	6,326	49,911	7,732	48,505	
Compound Wall		118,192		352,374	
Movable Properties At Adyar ...					
Furniture, Fixtures, etc. ...	254,738		254,738		
(At Cost) Additions ...	—		2,575		
	254,738		257,313		
Less : Depreciation ...	198,075	56,663	206,960	50,353	
Motor Cars (At Cost)		158,386	158,386		
Less : Depreciation ...	139,356	19,030	143,162	15,224	
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Bonds ...	6,300		6,300		
Fixed Deposits ...	4,824,900		7,516,900		
Foreign Investments ...	340,933		333,433		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	281,675	5,453,808	105,818	7,962,451	
C/o		8,509,528		11,973,205	

Liabilities	30th September '82		30th September '83	
B/f	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
		10,226,911		13,033,072
Other Funds :				
(See Notes below)				
Miscellaneous Funds (a)		351,453		790,182
Miscellaneous Funds (c)		161,559		173,067
Miscellaneous Funds (d)		342,631		571,219
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves :				
Immovable property at Juhu	28,000		27,000	
Miscellaneous Funds	16,724		18,804	
Government Grants	65,937		149,936	
Gratuity Reserve	23,245		21,948	
Sundry Creditors	—	133,906	11,490	229,178
T.P.H. Funds & Reserves :				
Reserves	419,789		399,030	
T.P.H. Investments Fund	230,000	649,789	615,000	1,014,030
T.P.H. Sundry Creditors :		296,859		297,024
Gratuity Reserve		263,616		248,406
Casuarina Development : Reserve .		55,262		55,262
Sundry Creditors :				
Departments	25,670		56,578	
Others	231,110	256,780	222,063	278,641
Sundry Deposits				
Outstanding Liability		146,779		127,326
Note:- (a) Capital and interest available for specific purpose.		31,834		7,500
(b) Interest only available for general purpose.				
(c) Interest only available for specific purposes				
(d) Capital available for specific purposes				
C/o		12,917,379		16,824,907

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30th SEPTEMBER 1983 (contd.)

Assets	30th September '82		30th September '83	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f		8,509,528		11,973,205
Departmental Assets :				
Adyar Library				
Fixed Assets	321,145		328,528	
Current Assets	220,951	542,096	336,983	665,511
Bhojanasala				
Fixed Assets	8,443		9,469	
Current Assets	4,948	13,391	2,395	11,864
Garden :				
Fixed Assets	94,470		101,285	
Current Assets	30,334	124,804	26,168	127,453
Leadbeater Chambers :				
Fixed Assets	13,282		20,292	
Current Assets	725	14,007	1,488	21,780
Maintenance Department :				
Fixed Assets	131,180		164,362	
Current Assets	125,797	56,977	215,973	380,335
Theosophical Publishing House :				
Fixed Assets	12,875		22,308	
Current Assets	1,556,113	1,568,988	1,684,957	1,707,265
Vasanta Press :				
Fixed Assets	1,009,585		867,741	
Current Assets	241,681	1,251,266	328,391	1,196,132
Other Departments				
(Dispensary, Sanitary etc.)				
Fixed Assets	19,590		18,233	
Current Assets	445	20,035	345	18,578
CURRENT ASSETS :				
Interest accrued due but not received :		121,070		129,133
Sundry Assets		9,708		48,506
Loans and Advances		65,386		54,814
Outstanding Income		7,276		4,276
Outstanding Fees & Dues		—		34,415
Security Deposit		3,970		3,650
Gratuity Advance		10,950		18,735
Sundry Debtors (considered good by Management)		39,309		25,697
Prepaid expenses		3,118		5,887
C/o		12,581,879		16,427,236

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ADYAR,
3rd December 1983.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(Miss) Tjioe Siang Nio,
Hon. Treasurer.

Assets		30th September '82		30th September '83	
B/f	R.s.	R.s.	R.s.	R.s.	
Cash of Bank Balances :		1,2581 879		16,427,236	
In Madras Banks on Current account and Savings accounts ...		309,834		376,176	
In London Bank on current account ...		11,278		11,073	
on Hand ...		14,388		10,422	
		12,917,379		16,824,907	

Examined and found correct.
FOR N.A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants
N. Ananthanarayanan, F.C.A., Partner.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

BUDGET (REVISED) FOR 1983-84

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1982-83	Revised Budget for 1983-84	INCOME	Actuals for 1982-83	Revised Budget for 1983-84
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:			Special Departments:		
Adyar Library ...	152,334	191,700	Adyar Library ...	26,089	22,000
Bhojanasala ...	64,657	68,200	Bhojanasala ...	45,397	50,500
Garden Department ...	141,930	199,500	Garden Department ...	85,491	165,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	—	40,000	Leadbeater Chambers ...	—	30,000
Maintenance Dept. ...	440,163	477,300	Maintenance Department... ..	229,121	245,500
Theosophical Pub- lishing House ...	280,813	300,050	Theosophical Publishing House ...	461,806	446,700
The Theosophist ...	121,360	127,000	The Theosophist ...	106,347	105,000
Vasanta Press ...	990,570	1,092,935	Vasanta Press ...	864,624	978,000
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	9,210	10,000	International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	3,949	—
Adyar Newsletter ...	20,424	10,900	Adyar Newsletter ...	13,315	12,500
Child Welfare Centre ...	9,847	10,000	Donations ...	53,369	20,000
Circulars etc, to General Secretaries ...	2,565	3,000	Fees and Dues ...	129,813	180,000
Contribution to Olcott Schools ...	15,000	30,000	Interest (Gross) ...	646,292	900,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,074	2,500	*Quarters Maintenance ...	114,144	120,000
Dispensary ...	18,139	18,000	Overheads ...	10,411	10,000
Estate Management ...	16,345	16,000	Licence Fee ...	36,000	36,000
Fire Insurance ...	1,703	2,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	75,261	48,800
Headquarters Department ...	20,346	20,000	Add: Deficit on the Theosophist ...	15,013	22,000
Information and Public Relations Department ...	3,601	3,500	Deficit on the Adyar Newsletter taken direct to T.P.H. Balance ...	7,109	—
Insurance Fund Administration ...	415	500			
International Offices ...	73,424	78,400			
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	6,715	7,000			
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	2,918	—			
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	9,575	10,000			
Miscellaneous ...	2,923	7,000			
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	14,718	10,000			
Movable Properties Dept. ...	28,463	26,000			
Museum and Archives ...	1,786	5,000			
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	15,689	17,000			
Printing and Stationery ...	13,722	18,000			
Provident Fund Administration ...	1,535	2,000			
Retirement Allowances ...	26,523	27,000			
Sanitary Department ...	13,492	22,000			
Security Department ...	168,492	175,000			
Taxes ...	33,550	37,000			
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,777	3,000			
Provisions: For Gratuity ...	9,024	8,000			
For Building Maintenance ...	50,000	175,000			
Depreciation on Assets ...	136,729	140,000			
Surplus on the Adyar Newsletter taken direct to T. P. H. Balance Sheet ...	—	1,600			
	2,923,551	3,392,085		2,923,551	3,392,000

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	Particulars	Amount Rs.
1. 10%	Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	100,000
2. 10%	Bank of Baroda, Madras, Deposits	100,000
3. 10%	Punjab National Bank, Madras, Deposits	150,000
4. 10%	Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	252,000
5. 11%	Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	160,000
6. 10%	Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,393,000
7. 9%	Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	160,000
8. 9½%	Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Madras, Deposits	15,000
9. 10½%	Madras Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. Madras, Deposits	75,000
10. 10½%	Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Bank Ltd. Madras, Deposits	80,000
11. 14½%	Bharath Heavy Electricals Ltd. New Delhi, Deposits	310,000
12. 14½%	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Bombay, Deposits	500,000
13. 14½%	Steel Authority of India Ltd. New Delhi, Deposits	300,000
14. 14½%	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Bombay, Deposits	300,000
15. 14½%	Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore, Deposits	300,000
16. 14½%	Cement Corporation of India Ltd. New Delhi, Deposits	500,000
17. 4%	Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Debenture Stock £ 3,000	45,000
Total ...		4,740,000

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1. 10%	Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	521,000
2. 11%	Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	30,000
3. 10%	Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	230,000
Total ...		781,000

**FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1983**

	Half Year ended 30-9-82	1982-83
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	—	1,510
" Australia	—	41,806
" Austria	2,890	3,128
" Belgium	3,776	3,364
" Bolivia	93	—
" Brazil	22,434	—
" Bulgaria	—	—
" Burma	—	—
" Canada	—	2,445
" Canadian Federation	—	479
" Central America	56	1,002
" Chile	—	2,081
" Colombia	196	371
" Cuba	—	—
" Czechoslovakia	—	—
" Denmark	—	4,562
" East & Central Africa	577	1,491
" England	9,465	—
" Egypt	—	—
" Finland	—	4,133
" France	14,783	12,420
" Germany	—	3,810
" Greece	328	—
" Hungary	—	—
" Iceland	2,339	1,374
" India	—	20,884
" Indonesia	—	—
" Ireland	—	—
" Israel	—	—
" Italy	6,942	—
" Japan	—	493
" Malaysia	—	—
" Mexico	—	3,000
" Netherlands	—	—
" New Zealand	—	6,446
" Northern Ireland	31	29
" Norway	—	375
C/o	63,910	115,203

**FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1983**

		Half Year ended 30-9-82 Rs. 63,910	1982-83 Rs. 115,203
	b/f		
The Theosophical Society in	Paraguay	—	—
"	Pakistan	—	300
"	Peru	—	—
"	Philippines	—	—
"	Poland	—	—
"	Portugal	594	—
"	Puerto Rico	—	4,191
"	Rumania	—	—
"	Russia	—	—
"	Scotland	—	—
"	Southern Africa	—	550
"	Spain	—	3,287
"	Sri Lanka	—	—
"	Sweden	1,782	1,641
"	Switzerland	2,989	1,591
"	U.S.A.	58,531	—
"	Uruguay	1,495	—
"	Venezuela	450	—
"	Vietnam	—	—
"	Wales	—	377
"	West Africa	1,311	1,413
"	Yugoslavia	—	—
Lodges Attached to Adyar		—	437
Fellows-at-Large		1,577	820
	Total	132,639	129,810

* This includes Rs. 20,275/- towards Sectional dues for the period 1981-82.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSES
FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1983

Particulars	1982-83	1983-84
Subscriptions	1,152.00	1,152.00
Grants	—	—
Donations	—	—
Income from investments	—	—
Income from other sources	—	—
Less: Disbursements	(1,152.00)	(1,152.00)
Balance carried forward	—	—
Total	1,152.00	1,152.00

This statement is prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1947, and is subject to audit by the auditors.

CATERERS FOR 1984

General Catering: Mr. S. S. S. S.

1. The Manager

2. The Assistant Manager

3. The Secretary

4. The Treasurer

5. Mr. C. L. N. S. S.

6. Mr. J. S. S.

7. Mr. S. S. S.

8. Mr. S. S. S.

9. Mr. S. S. S.

10. Mr. S. S. S.

General Catering: Mr. S. S. S.

Manager: Mr. S. S. S.

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

General Catering: Mr. S. S. S.

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OFFICERS FOR 1984

Executive Committee:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The President 2. The Vice-President 3. The Secretary 4. The Treasurer | } | <i>Ex-Officio</i> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Mr C.R.N. Swamy 6. Mr John Clarke 7. Mr N. Muthuswamy 8. Mr Ch. Sankar Rao 9. Mr R. Gopalaratnam 10. Mr K. Visvanathan | | |

Adyar Library: *Director:* Dr K. K. Raja

Librarian: Mrs Lakshmi Narayanaswami

Bhojanasala: Mr K. Ramanathan

Bookshop: Mr C. Seshadri

General Manager: Mr Ch. Sankar Rao

Garden Department: Mr S. M. Amarnath Rao

International Centre of Theosophical Studies: Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

Leadbeater Chambers: Miss Dara Kobor

Maintenance Department: Mr R. M. Tolani

Medical and Sanitary Department: Dr S. V. Joseph

Movable Properties Department: Mr S. M. Lakshman Rao

Information Officer: Mr C. Seshadri

Press and Public Relations Officer: Mr F. M. G. Sayeed

Security Department: Mr. V. V. Mony

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Editor: Mr C.R.N. Swamy

The Theosophist: *Assistant Editor:* Mr John Clarke

Vasanta Press: *Manager:* Mr N. Janakiram

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Concealed Wisdom in World Mythology by Geoffrey Hodson was a much appreciated new title released during the year. It received very good reviews in theosophical and other media.

New editions of three titles were published during the year: *Sanatana Dharma Catechism*, *The Smaller Buddhist Catechism* and *The Power and Use of Thought*. New editions of two major books are nearing completion: *Annie Besant—An Autobiography* and *Masters and the Path* (by C. W. Leadbeater). The former has been out of print for several years and is assured of a welcome by members and the general public, particularly in India.

Reprints of fourteen titles were also brought out during the year, including *Vivekachudamani*, *Christianity*, *Jainism*, *Gayatri*, *Hinduism* and *Buddhism*.

Local sales and export of books registered an appreciable increase, as did the export of incense. We participated in some important national and international book fairs where our publications received good attention. Sales through agencies are being reorganized.

With the help of capable artists to design attractive covers and jackets for our books, we hope to make a better impact on the public.

Two special issues of *The Theosophist* were brought out during the year on the Adyar Centenary. Subscription for the magazine rose to 1,790 from 1,628 the previous year, while that of *Adyar Newsletter* remained almost stationary at 800.

The Adyar Centenary special editions of the theosophical classics (*At the Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*), *The Theosophic Life* and *The Light of Asia* have been much appreciated and sales have been steady. We are most grateful to Mrs Mani Sait of Bombay for her valuable services in designing these beautiful editions and seeing them through the press—and for meeting the entire cost of printing these special editions.

MR R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The Adyar Library and Research Centre has completed 97 years of service in its role of promoting the second object of the Theosophical Society, namely to encourage the study of comparative religions, philosophies and sciences.

As in earlier years, the Library had the pleasure of welcoming various distinguished visitors from India and abroad. They included the Governor of Tamil

Nadu, Shri S.L. Khurana; Dr Renée Weber, Prof. Stanley Wolpert and Dr Fritjof Capra from the U.S.A.; Dr Rupert Sheldrake; Ven. Samdhong Rinpoche, Tibetan scholar; Christiane Ragean from Paris; Sengaku Mayeda, Tokyo; and Leslie Kawamura from Canada.

Publications: The Adyar Library Bulletin (Brahmavidyā), Vol. 46 (1982) was released. There are 106 exchanges and 129

subscribers for the *Bulletin*. Two books were also published during the year: *The Yoga Upanishad* (Reprint) and *Amarakosa Indexes*.

The following is the position of the publications of the Adyar Library:

1. *Daśopanishads*, 2 vols. (Reprint) in the Press
2. *Samgītaratnākara* of Śārṅgadeva Vol. 3, *Tāla: Vādyā* (Rev. Ed). Printing in Progress
3. *Samnyāsa Paddhati* by Patrick Olivelle—Printing in Progress
4. *Gangesa's Philosophy of God* by John Vattanky—Printing in Progress

With the grants-in-aid received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the following works are in progress:

1. *Caturdasalakṣaṇi* of Gadādhara with four commentaries. Revised Ed. Printing in Progress
2. *Naiṣadhānanda* of Kṣemeśvara. Press copy under preparation
3. *A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library*, Vol. 2, *Śrauta, etc.* Ready for printing
4. *A Descriptive Catalogue of Tamil Manuscripts in the Adyar Library* prepared by the late Pandit S. Anantaraman. Printing in progress

With the grants-in-aid received from the Tamil Nadu Government, the following two Tamil works are being prepared for publication:

1. *Vīrāṭaparva Maṇipravālam*
2. *Jīvanmuktiviveka*

Services Rendered: Microfilms of 17 MSS. and 4 books and photostat copies of 7 MSS. and 13 books were supplied to various institutions and research scholars. Photostats of 245 frames were prepared for the Archives of the Theosophical Society, and one book was photocopied for the Library.

Works used: The Library has 581 Registered Readers, 149 Resident Borrowers and 56 Registered Borrowers from the city of Madras.

During the year, 19,958 books and journals were consulted in the Reading Room, while 27,056 books were consulted by the Pandits in the Research Section. Books borrowed numbered 5,431. A total of 1,250 MSS. were consulted in the Library by the Pandits and 185 MSS. by outside scholars. Four manuscripts were loaned out to institutions.

Research Scholars: Two Research Scholars from the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, were engaged in the Library for about two months in connection with the restoration of Sanskrit manuscripts from Tibetan versions. Four Research Scholars continued their Ph.D. theses under the guidance of the Director, Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, and Dr A.G. Krishna Warriar.

Scholars and students of various institutions from India and abroad utilized the Library's facilities for research.

Repair and Preservation: Books and pamphlets totalling 558 and 52 respectively were bound while 19 books were laminated. Some manuscripts were cleaned and repaired.

Acquisition: Books numbering 1,997 were added to the collection during the year under report. Of these 78 were purchased with 60% aid from the Government of India, 14 were exchanges, 89 were review books and the rest were gifts. Our grateful thanks are due to the following for their generous gift of books: The President's Office, 81; The Secretary's Office, 7; The Theosophist Office, 27; The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, 14; The Theosophical Publishing House, London, 6; The Theosophical

Publishing House, Wheaton, 24; Concord Grove Press, California, 9; Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, 93; International Cultural Society of Korea, Seoul, 26; Mrs Radha Burnier, 31; Dr V. N. Sarma, 748; Mr Subbiah Mani, 51; Mr N. C. Gopalaswami, 100; Mr K. Ramaratnam, 38; late Mr Charles Hunter, 27; and the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Krotona, Ojai, 103.

Manuscripts of late Dr V. Raghavan were purchased for Rs. 5,000 out of the Central Government's grants-in-aid.

Cataloguing Section: Books numbering 918 on various subjects were catalogued. Duplicate books numbering 323 were added to the collection.

Grants-in-Aid: The Library records its grateful thanks to the Ministry of Education and Culture, Government of India, for granting a sum of Rs. 14,000 for the purchase of books and equipment which has been fully spent.

A grant of Rs. 31,500 received for the restoration of Sanskrit manuscripts from Tibetan versions has been fully utilized and the work completed.

Rs. 80,000 has been sanctioned by the Government of India, as 60% assistance towards the cost of buying a photocopying machine.

MRS LAKSHMI NARAYANASWAMI
Librarian

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF THEOSOPHICAL STUDIES

The International Centre of Theosophical Studies has two terms, the first from mid-September to mid-December and the second from mid-January to mid-March. It was also decided to hold a special short-term course during the summer months when necessary and when there is a demand for such a course.

The first term for 1982-83 was inaugurated by the International President. As per the new orientation, the syllabus during this period was directed towards studies in depth of the basic principles of Theosophy in relation to the Cosmos and Man. The main course was based on *The Secret Doctrine, Key to Theosophy, A Study in Consciousness, Man, God and Universe* and *Self-Culture* besides a few other books for supplementary reading. Parallel ideas were also brought in from current scientific and other findings.

The afternoon programme consisted of training for lodge work, including discussion techniques and speakers' training; and outline studies of specialized texts on the Path such as *Light on the Path, The Voice of the Silence, Practical Occultism*, etc.

Guest lecturers were Dr Charles S.J. White, Prof. of Religions, American Univ., Washington D.C.; Miss Joy Mills who gave four talks on the Western Traditional Approaches to the Path; Dr Kannan and a few others from Adyar. The Director of Studies did the major part of the work.

Most of the student research papers centred round studies on *The Secret Doctrine*. Average attendance was 15 with students from Denmark, Iceland, U.S.A., Germany and India.

The second term opened with a three-week course on 'Theory and Practice of

Yoga' by A.R. Bakshi. His talks on the various branches of Yoga were based on Samkhya, Yoga and Vedanta besides Kashmir Saivism. Mrs Burnier's studies on *Light on the Path* and Seetha Neelakantan's on the 'Path to Liberation' based on the *Kaivalya Upanishad*—two-week courses—were complementary bringing into focus the theosophical approach to the Path.

The three afternoons a week devoted to an intensive study of the *Stanzas of Dzyan* as commented upon in *Man, the Measure of all Things* had fifteen earnest students. Two Stanzas were completed and it is proposed to have this study as a regular feature of the programme.

Scholarships: As an experiment five scholarships—three in the first term and two in the second—were given, one to a member from the English Section.

The average attendance ranged from 20-25 with a number of members from India and overseas. The countries represented were: Holland, Egypt, France, England, Germany, Iceland, Australia, Uruguay, U.S.A., Hong Kong besides India.

Research Scholar: For the first time, the Centre had a student who was a research fellow (from the Californian Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco) preparing her Ph.D. thesis in 'Intercultural Philosophy and Religion' with special interest in the relationship between Hinduism and Theosophy. Her work in the Centre was counted for academic credit.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Director of Studies

THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Three highlights marked the Theosophy-Science work of the Society during the year.

In the U.S.A., in October 1982, Dr Kenneth Ring conducted a seminar on 'Near Death Experiences—Theory and Implications' based on his researches on near death survivors and published under the title *Life at Death*. In November Drs Larry Dossey and Renée Weber conducted a seminar on 'Space, Time and Medicine'. In his book of the same title, Dr Dossey discusses the new theories in physics by Bell, Bohm and others and shows their relevance to medicine. He presents remarkable clinical data to show that by changing their view of time, people have been able positively to affect the course of disease, thus showing

the power of mind and meditation on health (see *American Theosophist*, January 1983).

The second highlight is the continuation of research by Dr S.M. Phillips on correlation of Quark physics with Occult Chemistry. He has now analysed *all* the chemical elements in C.W. Leadbeater's time and deduced the precise arrangements that are applicable to the two types of omegons. 'These results add further tribute to the accuracy of C.W.L.'s observations and also to the amazing determination and persistence of Dr Phillips in completing his self-appointed task.' Dr E. Lester Smith has written *Occult Chemistry Re-evaluated*, a popular companion to *Extra-Sensory Perception of Quarks*.

The third highlight was the Panel Discussion at the Adyar Centenary Convention on 'Holistic Approaches and the Building of a New Order' in which several prominent scientists participated. Another discussion in which scientists and others took part was 'The Inner Revolution and Outer Change' (see *The Theosophist*, April 1983).

The publication of various journals on Theosophy and Science also indicates the growing interest in this field. They include: *Theosophy/Science* (then chief editor Dr E. Lester Smith, Asst. editor Dr Stephen M. Phillips); *The*

Theosophical Research Institute Newsletter (editor Dr Ralph Hannon) published from Wheaton; *Theoscientist* (editor Dr R. C. Rath), published from Cuttack, Orissa, India; *Logos* published from Brazil by Eduardo Weaver; and *The Bulletin of the Theosophy-Science Study Group, India* published six times a year by Dr A. Kannan. An important article, 'Fields and Their Chemical Implications' by Dora Kunz and Erik Peper was published in *The American Theosophist* (Dec. 1982 and Jan. 1983).

Dr A. KANNAN

T.S. ARCHIVES

Since April 1982, the T.S. Archives has been functioning in the Headquarters building.

The routine work and activities of the Archives follow the general pattern of the previous years. The classification, cataloguing and fumigation of valuable documents, and maintaining its collection proceed steadily and well.

In the photograph section, the cross section catalogue has been prepared and completed, which facilitates cataloguing

the additions that are being made from time to time.

Miss Janaki Joshi and Miss Revati Joshi served the Archives temporarily and helped in laminating valuable documents, a work which was kept suspended for some time for want of trained personnel. Mrs Ruth Espin, from England is working in the photograph section.

MISS R. PADMINI
Officer-in Charge

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1983

		No. of No. of Lodges Members	
National Sections (Active)		41	
Presidential Agencies (Active)		4	
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)		3	
Total Lodges		1,109	
Total Membership	1982	34,567	
Total Membership	1983	34,757	
Increase		190	
		No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. Africa, East & Central	26	1,320	(1981)
2. Africa, South	9	387	
3. Africa, West	12	298	
4. America, Central	12	147	
5. Argentina	30	630	
6. Australia	12	1,186	
7. Austria	4	226	
8. Belgium	8	176	
9. Bolivia	3	28	
10. Brazil	39	833	
11. Burma	6	91	
12. Canada	11	271	
13. Canada (Federation)	8	83	
14. Chile	6	56	
15. Colombia	9	136	
16. Cuba	19	475	
17. Denmark	17	457	
18. England	58	2,071	
19. Finland	21	550	
20. France	33	1,194	
21. Germany, West	8	266	
22. Greece	7	234	
23. Iceland	11	375	(1982)
24. India	423	10,310	
25. Indonesia	21	772	
26. Ireland, N.	3	47	
27. Ireland, Rep. of	1	43	(1980)
28. Italy	32	965	
29. Malaysia	2	75	
30. Mexico	25	359	(1980)
31. Netherlands, The	24	848	
32. New Zealand	16	1,535	
33. Norway	7	99	
34. Pakistan	4	266	
35. Philippines, The	14	229	
36. Portugal	12	271	
37. Puerto Rico	3	143	
38. Scotland	7	105	(1982)
39. Spain	14	515	
40. Sri Lanka	7	120	
41. Sweden	8	288	
42. Switzerland	8	207	(1980)
43. United States of America	76	5,336	
44. Uruguay	8	105	
45. Venezuela	2	57	
46. Wales	2	73	
47. Yugoslavia	8	228	
48. Lodges attached directly to Adyar			
Bangladesh	1	31	
Cameroon	1	36	(1982)
Hong Kong	1	15	
Israel	2	39	
Japan	1	32	
Peru	5	58	(1982)
Singapore	1	49	
Suriname	1	8	
Total		1,109	34,757
Study Centres:			
United States of America		..	86
Argentina		..	4
Brazil		..	9
England		..	17
India		..	23
Italy		..	7
Total			146

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, FEDERATION
SECRETARIES, PRESIDENTIAL
AGENTS, ETC.

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
International Secretary.

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The highlight of the year was the Seventh Theosophical World Congress held in Nairobi Dec. 7-11, 1982. Nearly 350 delegates from all the five continents attended, and more than 17 Sections were represented. Although the coup in Kenya on 1-8-82 affected the attendance, it was still a well-represented Congress, the first of its kind on the African Continent. It surely gave an impetus to our work amongst the three main races—African, Asian and European—in our part of the world. Mrs Radha Burnier, the International President, and Mr Surendra Narayan, Vice-President, graced the occasion. His Worship the Mayor of Nairobi, Councillor Nathan Kahara opened the Congress and the event received wide publicity through the network of the Voice of Kenya, T.V. and prominent Nairobi daily papers. A full centre-spread page was published by us in the *Daily Nation* of 6-12-82 with various articles on Theosophy and the T.S. We also brought out a souvenir handbook with articles and a directory of theosophical sections around the world. The Congress theme, 'One World—A Shared Destiny', was well covered in public lectures, short talks, symposia and workshops all of which were very well attended. The convention was a great success and the delegates had nothing but praise for the organizers.

Regional conferences were held during the year at Kabwe, Zambia, in May and at Nakuru, Kenya, in July. Both these were well attended and gave members inspiration to work with greater determination.

I toured several lodges in Kenya during October 1982. Mr J.D. Shah, past President of the Bombay Theosophical Federation, toured Zambia and Tanzania after attending the Seventh World Congress, giving public lectures and conducting a study class on 'Divine Plan' at Daressalaam.

Our National Lecturer, Mr Reuben Thuku, could not go to Tanzania and Zambia on a lecture tour because of the border restrictions, but visited most lodges in Kenya and gave lectures.

The sale of books and cassettes was good at the time of the World Congress. Because of import restrictions in Tanzania and Zambia, the demand for theosophical literature cannot be met.

T.O.S. activities are carried out by various lodges in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia. The work suffered great loss with the demise of Mr R.H. Patel, the National Director of T.O.S. for our Section. A successor is to be approved by the International President.

Other activities include Yoga classes in Nairobi, a workshop on training workers in Daressalaam, healing ceremony at the Daressalaam lodge on the last Monday of every month, and Bharat Samaj Puja at Daressalaam Lodge every Sunday and occasionally at Nairobi and other places.

A group of Young Theosophists has been formed by Daressalaam Lodge and is working very enthusiastically. They also take keen interest in T.O.S. work.

MR H.D. SHAH
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

Some of our lodges are working under great difficulties such as lack of good speakers and being located in isolated areas. Other lodges are working to full capacity and providing the public in their areas with interesting theosophical talks and lectures.

Cape Town Lodge has had a revival and is functioning normally once again.

The Annual Convention held at Pretoria was a successful one and it is proposed

to hold the 1984 Convention in Durban.

Certain setbacks have come in the way of bringing out the Section journal *Link*, and efforts are being made to overcome these.

Membership increased by 32 during the year, reaching a total of 384 in nine lodges and 23 unattached members.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

The distressing political and economic situation in the Central American countries, except Costa Rica, continued during the year. War problems plague the work in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala. Despite such adverse atmosphere, many of our lodges continued their meritorious theosophical work with courage and determination.

The Virya Lodge, which will complete 80 years of service in June 1984, is the leader lodge in all Central America with 29 active members. Other lodges in Costa Rica—Dharma, Shakti and K. H.—are also active with talks and study classes and celebrations of theosophical days.

Our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, visited Costa Rica during the year (she could not visit the other countries because of adverse conditions) and

her talks attracted overflow audiences and generated enthusiasm among the workers. Theosophical work in Costa Rica is active and very good.

Three lodges are holding weekly meetings in Nicaragua. The library of the Blavatsky Lodge is well patronised. It also sells theosophical literature.

The two lodges of El Salvador are working with courage in the face of terrorist activity.

Two of the three lodges in Guatemala are also active and doing good work.

Sister Pilar Madrigal Nieto will take over as General Secretary on November 17, 1983. This will conclude my three-year tenure.

MR JULIO MARTINEZ SANTOS
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

In the present age, so socially upset and pressed by great economic strains, a considerable effort is needed to keep on working to spread the purest spiritual truths; but we have pledged ourselves to carry out all that is needed. Thus, a

great support has been given by this General Secretary to spread our teachings in several branches which were in a lethargic state.

Only a few national lecturers have been able to support this mission, but

even so, hundreds of interested people have got to know the theosophical truths by attending our lectures.

The visit of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, made a great contribution to our effort to reach a larger public. Her public lectures and seminars on 'Consciousness' and *Light on the Path* were well attended. These have been taped and we plan to print them for wider distribution and hope to bring out the first issues by December.

Recorded lectures and other audio-visual material, including slide sets, form major tools in our work and are made available to lodges and interested members. We have 43 taped lectures and sold 120 cassettes during the year. The audio-visuals are being reviewed and improved both in text and recording technique as well as musical background.

Important articles from English journals are translated into Spanish for dissemination through our *Informativo Teosofico*. The translation team is also working on a revised translation of *The Mahatma Letters* (for the printing of which we hope to get help from the Non-English Publications Fund) and 'Index for Themes' from *The Secret Doctrine*.

New members are sent letters for 18 months making up a course of introduction to theosophical teachings and the work of the Society.

The Education Department has prepared study guides for distribution at our next summer school. It has also edited a guide to give a First Level Course consisting of 20 lessons. Many of our lecturers have been using this guide. It is also being recorded in our Centre in Rosario for wider distribution to groups living far from here.

In collaboration with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation we published *Clairvoyance and Clairaudience* by C.W. Leadbeater, *A Study on the Psychology of Yoga* by I.K. Taimni and a new edition of *The Science of Yoga* by the same author. We also published *Towards the Temple* by Annie Besant.

Our Correspondence Course is in its second year, and we have an increase in the number of students for the same.

Radio programmes are regularly broadcast in San Rafael and Casilda and material is being made ready in case the possibility arises of starting this programme in other centres.

Construction work is progressing on the San Rafael Theosophical Colony and we plan to hold the next Summer School in our own premises.

LEONILDA B. DE SPOSSI
Vice-President

AUSTRALIA

The reports I have received from the lodges and groups throughout Australia reflect an active year for the Section.

For Headquarters it has been a year of change. Jack Patterson completed his term of office in April, and I duly took over as General Secretary. Elaine Mur-

doch retired in July after a dedicated service of 10 years, eight of them as General Secretary.

A successful Convention was held in May near Sydney, with Miss Ianthe Hoskins as Guest Speaker. Dr Richard Silberstein, eminent Australian scientist,

gave a stimulating talk on scientific approach to the world of Theosophy. There was a good variety in the lectures and the workshops. More than 100 persons attended the Convention as residents, with many more attending for a day or evening lecture. Overseas visitors included four from Indonesia and five from New Zealand.

Membership increased by 27, bringing the total to 1,186. Nearly all the lodges have had an increase in membership and in their activities, many holding one or two-day seminars on various topics. There is more inter-lodge activity. Discussion groups and study courses have also proved to be very effective.

Headquarters continues its varied services to lodges and to members, including the supply of films, tapes and leaflets; Letters to New Members, monthly Contact Letters to lodge officers and quarterly Contact Letters to National Members. The *Adyar Newsletter* is sent to all the lodges and groups. During the year 20 persons enrolled in the Correspondence Course.

The bookshops continue to be of great benefit to the Society, providing income for the lodges, making available theosophical literature to the members and public, and providing an avenue for advertising of lodge activities. All the bookshops report an increase in their productivity.

The Quest Book Agency, under the able direction of Mrs Celia Novy, sells books not only to the lodges but also to trade customers throughout Australia

and New Zealand. It also acts for several other publishing firms in India, the United States and the U.K.

Our journal, *Theosophy in Australia* has been published quarterly under the very capable editorship of Elaine Murdoch. As Elaine has retired, the work of editing the journal has now passed on to me.

Mr Dudley Gower retired this year as the National Lecturer after three years of very active service. At the 1983 Convention Mr Phil Harris of Perth was appointed as National Lecturer, and he commenced a tour of the lodges throughout the Section in September.

The T.O.S. continues to be active with groups and individuals working hard and enthusiastically right throughout Australia, raising funds and participating in active service in various social and humanitarian programmes.

A weekend seminar on 'The Training of Theosophical Lecturers and Workshop Leaders' was held by the General Secretary at The Manor in July. This proved to be a very worthwhile project and the participants felt that they had gained much through this experience.

In closing this report I would like to say that there has shown in this year's activities a desire to study and assimilate the basic theosophical concepts, and the lodges and groups who are following up this work are the ones that have a more active life.

MISS DIANNE KAY KYNASTON
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

Steady work continues in all the four branches. The branch at Linz succeeded in getting its own premises for its Library and meetings. Inauguration of the new quarters took place in June 1983.

Adyar Verlag published in November 1982 the third and last volume of the chronological and commented German translation of the *Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*.

While there is much interest in Austria for some of the ideas and ideals for which the T.S. stands, it is rather puzzling that the Section attracted only six new members during the year. People seem to be less and less inclined to bind themselves by joining an association. At the end of a six-month introductory course at Graz where people seemed to be quite enthusiastic they presented flowers to the speaker instead of the expected membership applications.

We are not attractive enough for the younger generation, as our audiences

consist mainly of persons over 50 years of age. It seems that a new way of presenting Theosophy and the role of the Theosophical Society would be necessary. But we must confess that we have not yet found it.

As there was no younger candidate willing to undertake the work of General Secretary, I took over that function again—for my seventh three-year term.

DR NORBERT LAUPPERT
General Secretary

BELGIUM

Public lectures, study programmes and observance of special theosophical days are the main activities. All the lectures are tape-recorded and the tapes may be bought, a slight profit going to the Olcott School in Adyar. This has been welcomed with great appreciation by the public.

Twenty-eight lectures were given in the Brussels headquarters, five by Mr Bepin Behari from New Delhi now living in Brussels on the latent powers in man, Theosophy and astrology. The library

and bookshop are active before the lectures.

Several lodges are also active in relief work under the Theosophical Order of Service.

While much work has been done with enthusiasm and in a spirit of brotherhood, there has been a decrease in membership. There are now 176 members in 8 branches, four of them in Brussels.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
Asst. General Secretary

BRAZIL

Theosophical work in Brazil received a very auspicious fillip during the year by the visit, April 22-May 6, of Mrs Radha Burnier, the first of its kind by an International President. She fulfilled an extensive programme of public lectures and private talks to members in the cities of Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Sao

Paulo, Brasilia, Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro.

Following the presidential election, the headquarters of the Brazilian Section was transferred in July once more to Sao Paulo from Rio de Janeiro, where it was functioning for the past nine years.

As of 30 September, the Section comprised 40 lodges and nine study groups, some of them situated at distant places, with a total membership of 833.

The growing interest in theosophical books among the public and resulting increase in book sales have helped reduce our budgetary deficit. Several private publishers in Brazil print theosophical books and among the titles printed during the year were the second edition of *The Secret Doctrine* and several books by Annie Besant, Dr I.K. Taimni, C.W. Leadbeater, etc. In Rio de Janeiro, a group called 'Annie Besant Group' also published several books by Dr Taimni using its own resources.

Our fourth Summer School was held at Curitiba, preceded by a tour by some members of three nearby cities giving lectures at universities. During these visits there was distribution of free theosophical literature, donation of books to university teachers, interviews on TV, radio, newspapers, etc. In Sao Paulo for many years we have a weekly column in two dailies which often elicit queries from readers.

Our Section journal *O Teosofista*, published as a quarterly since 1911, continues to be a link between the headquarters, members spread over a vast country and the general public. Another magazine, *Logos*, published by the Department of Culture and Study, is also a quarterly but sold under subscription. It attempts to correlate Theosophy, Occultism and Mysticism with Science.

The Theosophical Brazilian Federation of Youth publishes its own journal titled *Semente* (seed), trying to attract the attention of young people and even older ones with an open mind and a young spirit. The Section extends every co-operation in its publication as a medium to spread the T.S. in Brazil.

The newly-elected Vice-President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, Bro. Roberto J. Minervini, was another visitor who gave lectures at Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre.

MR JOAO BAPTISTA BRITO PINTO
General Secretary

BURMA

Despite many handicaps the Olcott Lodge in Rangoon could still carry on its usual activities—Saturday meetings, special study classes on Sundays, and thrice-weekly group meditation for world peace. All annual days in the Theosophical calendar were also observed with enthusiasm and the help of the Youth Lodge in Rangoon. The Youth Lodge continued to give wholehearted service and cooperation in all activities. The Lotus Lodge in Mandalay held weekly

lectures, but the Blavatsky Lodge in Maymyo suffered a setback due to old age of members and lack of new blood.

The 70th annual convention held at Rangoon in October 1982 was well attended by members and friends.

Exchange control regulations prevented import of books as in earlier years.

There was a slight decrease in membership—we now have 94 members compared with 97 last year.

The Section suffered a great loss in the demise of two stalwart members during the year: Bro. U Shwe Hla Oo and Bro. Dr Ba Thi, who

was General Secretary from 1965 to 1971.

U MAUNG GYI
General Secretary

CANADA

During the year under review, the Theosophical Society in Canada completed a pilot project which takes us to a new communication era. It was the production of a film titled 'Beyond Conflict' made possible through a generous donation. Transferred to videotape, it has been made available to lodges and the general public. Some members of the Victoria Lodge worked diligently for over a year to complete the project and the impact of this new tool of communication is bound to be impressive in the coming years.

A much-needed pamphlet, 'Introducing the Theosophical Society' was also published with financial aid from the same donor.

Publication of the Section journal, *The Canadian Theosophist*, now in its 64th year, remains one of the principal activities to disseminate theosophical teachings among members and the general public, and it has overseas subscribers as well.

Our library of cassette taped lectures

continues to grow and the number of tapes borrowed increases every year.

The Section continues to donate the works of H.P.B. to university libraries in Canada. Almost all major universities, 30 in number, have her *Collected Writings*, besides her major works. It has also donated to the Adyar Library a subscription to the Canadian journal, *Ultimate Reality and Meaning*.

At the annual convention held in Vancouver, Dr K.K. Raja, Director of the Adyar Library and Research Centre, was the guest speaker. The General Secretary visited the U.S.A. and England on lecture tours, besides visits and talks in Canadian branches.

With the centenary of the Society in Canada just a few years away, the Section has stepped up the collection, preservation and cataloguing of all archival material related to the history and achievements of the early Canadian members.

MR TED G. DAVY
General Secretary

CHILE

For the first time in Chile, the Section published a pocket version of *At the Feet of the Master* in Spanish. It will also be distributed in other South American countries.

Theosophical activities were conducted in the two principal cities of Santiago and Valparaiso; both cities have bookshops and libraries open to the public.

In Santiago, from March to December, meetings are held every Saturday. They are well attended as they are announced in Portales broadcasting, the more important radio station in Chile.

There was better attendance in our Beginners Course of Theosophy because of well-organized publicity and we are planning to add an Intermediate Course to the general syllabus for 1984.

We do not have public lectures in the summer, but this year there was an innovation. During a whole month there

were public discussion meetings where different topics suggested by the public were discussed. The meetings turned out to be very positive and greatly appreciated by the public. This coming summer we plan to continue these meetings.

We are also arranging for visits in 1984 by two distinguished Theosophists: Mr Manuel Farinich and Mr Juan Vinas.

MR MAURICIO FROIMOVICH S.
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

Weekly meetings are held in all branches regularly, and several study groups meet on different days of the week.

Seleccion Teosofica, the Section journal, is published regularly with the lead article by the International President and the rest selected from the English journals. The magazine, 300 copies of 16 to 24 pages, is sent free to all members and friends, and copies are also mailed to Spanish-speaking countries. A Newsletter is also issued every month and sent free to all the members.

Letters to new members extending to 28 months continue to be sent. New publications include *The Way of Self-Knowledge* by Mrs Radha Burnier and *The Ascending Path* by Mr Walter Ballesteros. The pamphlet *To Those Who Mourn* by C.W. Leadbeater has been reprinted for sale at a very low price.

The bookshop sells books to members and the public at a low price and about 500 books were sold during the year.

MR WALTER BALLESTEROS
General Secretary

CUBA

The 78th Annual Convention of the Cuban Section was held 14-16 January 1983, the theme being 'The Doctrine of Karma'. The various subjects discussed formed a unity of thought altogether. The convention was marked by a spirit of brotherhood among the participants and featured several cultural programmes.

All theosophical days were celebrated besides the Cuban Theosophical Day on 22 September with the purpose of strengthening the spiritual bonds among the members and to pay homage to past workers.

To promote better contact among members and workers regular worker's

meetings are held every month under the auspices of one of the branches.

Study with discussion is an important aspect of the lodge programmes and the books studied cover a wide field.

The mimeographed Section journal carries translations of articles from English journals, summaries of lectures, etc. and is sent free to all members.

Mimeographed copies of some translated books are also sent free to members.

All our lodges have been working actively and with great enthusiasm to spread the message of the Ancient Wisdom.

DR LELIA FERNANDEZ PAGOLA
General Secretary

DENMARK

Activities are mostly centred in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Horsen and Aalborg.

Two study courses were held during the year on the island Hjarne on the theme 'Theosophy and Esoteric Philosophy'. We also have a study group on *The Secret Doctrine*.

The year saw the purchase of printing

machines and accessories, and we expect to start our own printing by the end of 1983.

One new lodge was formed in Copenhagen.

MRS MARION BENNIS
General Secretary

ENGLAND

In April 1983 Marion Caws resigned from her post as General Secretary after five years of dedicated service, and was replaced by myself. She remains a member of the Executive Committee and is still extremely active.

Meetings, lectures and study groups continued in the Section's 58 lodges and 17 centres with a total membership of 2,071 of whom 730 are unattached.

Headquarters' activities have been greatly increased during the year. There are now three classes in Hatha Yoga, a class in the T'ai Chi Ch'uan, meditation classes at different levels, and an enquirers' class. There is also an introductory study course for those new to Theosophy, a class on Metaphysics and

The Secret Doctrine; *The Voice of the Silence* class; and another on Comparative Religion. Seven Saturday seminars or study days were held during the year with attendance averaging 40; also six residential weekends at Tekels Park, with numbers averaging 25.

An 'Oriental Cultural Weekend' in July with Rohit and Shridevi Mehta stimulated a lot of interest amongst the general public to whom it was directed and more than 150 non-members came. Another special weekend was held in December titled 'A Christmas Fayre' when the celebrated concert pianist, John Ogdon, gave a recital of classical music featuring composers of a theosophical bent like Mozart and Scriabin.

Public Sunday lectures continued, although the average attendance has slipped to just under 70. Two lecturers attracted 100 or more persons.

Mrs Radha Burnier's informal visit to the headquarters on 15 June was attended by 120 members. Members are also looking forward to the 1984 Summer School to be held in Ripon at which she will be the principal speaker, and we are expecting a record attendance.

About 120 members and friends attended the Summer School held under the theme 'The Search Within'. It was a particularly successful school with lectures and discussions at a very high level and many members remarked that it was the best for many years. During the Summer School the European Council met to discuss the Society's work in all aspects.

The headquarters library assisted several scholars and the BBC television crew for a film on Annie Besant to be released in 1984. Sale of cassette tapes

and the use of library show a remarkable increase. There was a stream of visitors to the headquarters, more than 600, of whom 71 representing 26 countries were from overseas. The T.P.H. has again had a successful year with increased sales.

The T.O.S. with Mrs Madge Hooper as Chairman is very active collecting funds for various charities, refugee work, animal welfare, conservation and ecology, and similar programmes.

The Section journal is published regularly, six times a year.

We are engaged in the task of not only increasing our membership and financial viability, but also consolidating the teachings of Theosophy in a broad eclectic and modern way while remaining faithful to the basic principles established by H.P.B. which are timeless.

DR HUGH GRAY
General Secretary

FINLAND

The year under report marked the Platinum Jubilee (75th anniversary) of the Finnish Section, which was duly celebrated on 21st November 1982, with a musical programme and recitation adding to the solemnity of the occasion.

Twelve Finnish members along with three outsiders attended the Adyar Centenary Convention—an occasion of which the memory will never vanish.

Public lectures have been given in different parts of the country by the lodges and at the headquarters in Helsinki. The Section supports the lodges by paying the travelling expenses of the speakers and the cost of advertising. In Helsinki

the lectures are delivered weekly except during the summer and in six other cities once a month, also excepting summer-time.

In May the Finnish T.V. arranged a series of talks on 'The Destiny of Man' in which different religious and other organisations presented their point of view of death and after. The Section's talk on the programme in May was very much appreciated by the members and quite a lot by the public also.

Speakers at the Annual Convention in May from abroad were Miss Jeanine Miller from England, Dr Henriette van der Hecht from Belgium and Mr Curt Berg from

Sweden. They made the Summer school for us a real success. In the election I was chosen General Secretary to succeed Sirkka Kivilinna who retired after 12 years of meritorious work for the Section.

Two new lodges have been founded during the year, both on the western coast of Finland. Seventeen active lodges have continued their regular studies, and other valuable work in promoting Theosophy.

Several members of the Swedish Section visited our Section as guest speakers: Mr Pertti Spets, Mrs Barbro Melander, Mrs Ing-Britt Viklund, Mrs Ingrid Fjellander and Mr Curt Berg. In turn Mr Jaakko Kari-Koskinen from our Section

visited Sweden in the spring, and the Swedish Summer School at Kreivila had three Finnish guest speakers. The Finnish Section is very happy for this reciprocity between these two countries.

Two books were published during the year: *Man Visible and Invisible*, which had been out of print for many years, with help from the Non-English Publication Fund; and *The Problem of Enlightenment*, an anthology of important articles in the magazine *Teosofi* by Finnish Theosophists during the last three decades.

MRS KYLLIKKI VUORINEN
General Secretary

FRANCE

The number of members of the French Section decreased during the year, partly because we ask people to come to the courses and the lectures, or to correspond with members before joining the T.S. But we think that the members are more interested, in that way, when they join.

We had many activities at the Headquarters: public lectures, study courses, meeting of the branches, and a seminar last February. Lodge Litavia organized a seminar in Brittany, which was a great success.

We are busy preparing for the next European Congress to be held in France next summer.

Our National Convention was held on 9-10 April. Miss Mary Anderson was the guest speaker. The activity of our

printing department is increasing and many members volunteer help, even from outside Paris. The Section magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* was printed by ourselves and we began to reprint some books.

A large group of the French Section was in Adyar for the Centenary Convention, and many of them returned very enthusiastic, dreaming to go back to Adyar.

Some branches hold inter-lodge meetings once or twice each year, a good manifestation of brotherhood.

The International President visited the Section last September and we look forward to her visit next year to preside over our National Convention.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

The theosophical work of the German Section went on steadily during the year. The General Secretary and the Treasurer visited all the branches. Visiting lecturers were Miss Mary Anderson and Mr Arne Hansen (Norway), who also toured the Section.

Besides the study week-ends in spring and autumn which have been held regularly for many years now, we had also monthly study nights in South and Central Germany during the last winter season. They were very much appreciated by unattached members in the areas and were well attended.

After several years the location of the

German Summer School was changed from St. Martin in the south-west to Hannoversch-Munden in the northern part of central Germany. This new location was very much appreciated. It is planned to rotate between these two locations in future. Guest speakers at the Summer School were Mrs Barbro Melander of Sweden and Dr and Mrs Norbert Lauppert of Austria. *The Mahatma Letters* and *The Voice of the Silence* were studied under the theme 'To Enrich the Presence'.

MRS GERDA HOFER
General Secretary

GREECE

All branches meet regularly to study and discuss theosophical and philosophical subjects. An effort was made by one lodge for the study of the first volume of *The Secret Doctrine* besides a course on 'Self-Enlightenment' published by the T.S. in England.

The second edition of William Cooper's *Reincarnation* was published while Annie

Besant's *Evolution of Life and Form* is under preparation. The bi-monthly journal *Ilisos* goes to about 3,000 people.

There are seven active lodges—five in Athens—with a total membership of 234.

MR C. MELISSAROPOULOS
General Secretary

ICELAND

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INDIA

The nature and character of the Society is determined by the individual members who constitute it and hence the quality of our membership is paramount. Deep study, devotion and dedication to the cause of Brotherhood in a grief-stricken world is greatly needed. Love in place of

hatred, selflessness in place of selfishness, humility in place of arrogance are some of the qualities which each member should try to cultivate. As Bro. Sri Ram always used to say, quality is more important than quantity. The Society's work lies in bringing about a wholeness

of vision and every member should through theosophical study and enquiry take to heart its importance seriously.

In spite of her onerous duties as International President, Mrs Radha Burnier visited the Varanasi headquarters twice in the year and also presided over the North Indian Theosophical Conference. Her visits and advice have been of immense benefit to all of us. She was also the chief guest at the annual conferences of the Bombay Federation and Marathi Federation as well as the centenary celebrations of the Nellore Blavatsky Lodge and Ananta Lodge at Trivandrum.

Vice-President Bro. Surendra Narayan was the chief guest at the annual conferences of the Delhi Federation, Rayalseema Federation and Karnataka Federation. We are grateful to him for sparing the time and sharing his thoughts and experience with our members.

The revitalization of lodges/Federations is being done through the medium of the Section journal; regular correspondence with Federation officers; visits by National lecturers and officers at the National Headquarters to various areas of the Section, besides the tours of Federation officers in their areas; and introducing the new members to theosophical principles in a systematic manner. The General Secretary also travelled extensively visiting many of the Federations.

The Section brought out in December 1982 a special number of *The Indian Theosophist* to mark the Adyar Centenary. Two Workers' Training Camps were held during the year—in May at Adyar and in June at Bhowali in Himalayas. A number of study camps were also held by the various Federations.

The Gujarat Federation headquarters

was shifted to Bhavnagar and the Karnataka Federation moved into its new office building in Bangalore.

The T.S. in Calcutta and Delhi participated in Book Fairs held in those cities and distributed free theosophical literature to many. Nearly ten lodges observed their Centenaries during the year.

Allied activities include the T.O.S. which observed its Platinum Jubilee during the year. During 75 years of service, the T.O.S. has had a valuable record of work along many avenues—flood relief, free medical aid, free eye camps, help to the disabled, and providing drinking water facilities in several drought-hit areas.

New Life for India, a movement for propagating the principles of citizenship and right values, especially among the youth, is active in several centres. It publishes a quarterly journal entitled *Wake Up India*. Movements like the Lotus Circle and Round Table are also active in several lodges.

Theosophy-Science studies continue under the direction of Dr R. C. Rath of Cuttack who edits the quarterly *Theosophist*, and Dr A. Kannan of Adyar, who edits *The Bulletin of the Theosophy Science Study Group in India* published six times a year.

There was a net increase of 131 in the Section membership, reaching a total of 10,310 in 446 lodges and centres.

The Section is making efforts to meet the continuing financial deficit and the paucity of full-time honorary workers at the Varanasi headquarters. Another lacuna which we are trying to meet is the shortage of basic books on Theosophy in some of the major Indian languages.

DR A. KANNAN
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Our Annual Congress had to be cancelled again this year and replaced by a referendum because the General Session of the People's Representative Assembly was held by the Government at that very time. Most of the office-bearers, including the General Secretary were re-elected in the referendum. Next year the annual congress will be held in Surabaya, East Java.

Among the regular activities of our Section can be mentioned: weekly meetings in the lodges where theosophical lectures, discussions, workshops and 'Questions and Answers' sessions are held. Meditation is done in groups or individually, either in the lodge or at home. From time to time ceremonies like 'Mystic Star' are held in some of the larger lodges.

Almost every lodge has its own library, some with as many as 2,000 to 3,000 books in English, Dutch and Indonesian.

Eleven theosophical books have so far been translated and published in the Indonesian language, including *The Key to Theosophy*, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Study Course in Theosophy*, *Meditation*, *A Practical Study* (by Adelaide Gardner) and several books by Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater.

The T.O.S. is active in some of our bigger lodges, rendering help to the poor and orphanages.

The Penerangan Lodge in Surabaya, East Java, organizes regular Summer Schools twice a year.

Several of the lodges are on the verge of becoming dormant due to lack of lecturers and lack of younger members. Thus, three of the Bali lodges have been combined into one lodge.

MR H. M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

IRELAND

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ITALY

The year under review was a fruitful one. Four new lodges were formed during the year and the Section now has a membership of 965 in 32 lodges and 7 study centres. Lectures and studies are regularly organized in all the lodges and centres.

Publications during the year were Vol. III of *The Secret Doctrine* (new revised edition), C.W. Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible* and *Devachan*, and Annie Besant's *Death and After*.

The publishing house 'Sirio' of Trieste published the third edition of Annie Besant's *Karma* and the 6th edition of *Bhagavad Gita*, translated by Jinarajadasa.

The 69th national Convention was held at Castrocara 26-29 May with 120 participants and 16 speakers on the theme 'Theosophy in Practical Life'.

A Regional Theosophical Meeting was held 1-3 September at Cefalu (Palermo-Sicily) attended by more than 100 members.

It was a great success and we have plans to hold similar regional meetings in other areas of the Section.

The Section magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* was published regularly and had 922 subscriptions.

The General Secretary visited and lectured at a dozen lodges around the country.

There is a growing interest in Theosophy and spiritual life but there is also a great misunderstanding on what is essential. It is our task to give a lead wherever possible.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA
General Secretary

MEXICO

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NETHERLANDS

(1982 and 1983)

This report covers two years, 1982 and 1983.

The headquarters of the Section was brought back to Amsterdam from Utrecht after renovation of the premises. As the renovation took more time than planned, the library was closed for a year. Because of the transfer from Utrecht, the library is making a new start with new workers.

A new translation of *The Voice of the Silence* was published, the translation being done in cooperation with members of the other Theosophical groups.

While some of the lodges are doing well others are not. We have a total of 848 members in 24 lodges.

Summer schools and weekends were organized and held at the International Centre in Naarden as follows:

Nov. 1981—Weekend: 'Becoming Conscious—Being Healthy'.

Jan. 1982—Weekend: 'The Secret Doctrine—How to work with it?'

May 1982—Weekend: 'Male and Female Principle in Man'.

Aug. 1982—Summer School: 'Brotherhood—Imposture or Possibility?'

Nov. 1982—Weekend: 'The Theosophical Inspiration' (members only).

April 1983—Weekend: 'The Jewels in Religion—Christianity, Islam and Judaism'.

Aug. 1983—Summer School: 'Theosophy, the Golden Thread in Religion and Science'.

Both the summer schools had more than 150 participants, four-fifths non-members, posing a large task for the organizers. The weekends had 50-100 participants.

NEL VAN DER SCHOOT-GROOT
Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

It was a year of most satisfactory progress for the New Zealand Section. The selfless dedication and efficient service of all officers and members of our Section continue to ensure that the teachings of the Ageless Wisdom are freely available in New Zealand.

The year registered a gratifying increase in membership as well, and reached a total of 1,535.

Our Section suffered a great loss in the demise of Geoffrey Hodson on 23 January 1983 in his 97th year. He was a tower of strength to us all for over 40 years, and his books and cassettes will continue to be of inestimable benefit.

The three-week lecture tour of Miss Ianthe Hoskins of England greatly strengthened the work of the Section. The audiovisual talks of Mr and Mrs Frank Wilson, who also visited all the branches, were much appreciated. The General Secretary visited and talked at most of the lodges and participated in the 90th anniversary celebration of Dunedin Lodge.

Our National Lecturer, Mr Conrad

Jamieson, visited all the branches both in March and during September-October. These tours have proved very successful and generated much public support.

As in the past years, the Section journal continues to attract new members and advertising brought in 400 new subscribers.

The headquarters continues its services to branches by making available tapes, slides, films, study courses, besides books from the library. The Section has acquired a computer and copier to improve the quality of the work.

Other activities include Young Mothers' group to discuss the theosophical concept of motherhood; and Young Theosophists' study groups with meditation, nature rambles and discussions on theosophical principles.

Our Section participates in the radio series 'Religious Kaleidoscope' which features on the National Network of the N.Z. Broadcasting Corporation.

MRS MAVIS HARDY
General Secretary

NORWAY

In our Section we try hard to motivate younger members to take interest and to participate. As a result there is an active study group of new members and friends. Some new brochures brought out during the year and wider distribution of our local quarterly *Theosophy in Norway* have helped boost reading and sales of our books. In addition we issue our quarterly *Tesofi i Norden* jointly with the Swedish Section.

Our annual convention held at Bauker near Lillehammer, 16-19 September, with the General Secretary of the West German Section as Guest Speaker, also featured a seminar on the theme 'Wholeness and Health' and was quite successful. Other visitors included the General Secretary of Denmark and the Liaison Officer of the Naarden Centre.

I myself and my wife attended the World Congress in Nairobi. During our visit

to Indonesia last August my wife and I met T.S. members in Jakarta and Surabaya.

Two of our members attended the Adyar Centenary Convention and one young member is at present at Adyar

participating in the winter course of the International Centre of Studies.

Membership of our Section remained about the same.

MR TOM DEGENAARS
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

Two special events marked the Section's fiftieth year. These were the Indo-Pacific Conference held in Manila January 7-11, 1983 and the Annual Convention May 30-31 in Munoz, Nueva Ecija, hosted by Munoz Lodge in conjunction with their Golden Anniversary celebration.

Over 150 delegates from seven member Sections, one from West Germany and one from the U.S.A. participated in the Conference, the best that ever happened to us in many years in terms of planning experience. The theme was 'Transformation, the Solution'. Our principal guest speaker, Miss Joy Mills set the high tone of the conference with her keynote speech and steered the entire proceedings to an inspiring finish. Other speakers included Mrs Elaine Murdoch, the outgoing President of the Federation; Mr Jack Patterson from Australia; Mr R. Soejatno of Indonesia, Mrs Emiko Tanaka, Japan; Mr S. Narayanan, Malaysia; Miss Cecilia Pollard, New Zealand; and Mrs Gool Minwalla, Pakistan. Good media coverage was ours, until the First Lady, Madame Marcos, cancelled her participation at the last minute.

The theme of the annual convention was 'Transformation for Peace'. An important resolution adopted was to train future leaders and workers of the Society and if possible help them to go to Krotana for the training.

The interlodge meetings at Headquarters every first Sunday of the month is proving a very good variation of the usual talks and lectures. Much creativity and cooperation is also built up in these group meetings. Public lectures covered varied theosophical and allied topics. We participated in an International Book Fair with encouraging results.

There is better organization and activity in the bigger lodges, with study courses mostly based on basic Theosophy. A perennial problem with smaller lodges seems to be lack of trained leaders.

A monthly Newsletter has been regularly issued by the National President since 1970. It fills the need for regular communication between Headquarters and the members as *The Philippine Theosophist* is issued only once a year as a retrenchment policy.

Recently it was possible to effect more improvements of our headquarters, including enlargement of the lecture hall, thanks to generous donors subsidizing these improvements.

In times of great upheavals like the one our country is passing through, it is important to keep in mind the practice of the unifying thought of the brotherhood of all life. Bombarded by all forms of disruptive forces, the theosophical teachings can be our life support 'to be in

the world, but not of the world'. Numerically, we may be small in numbers but it is the purified mind and the loving heart that counts. We can all be plus-factors in the fullest meaning of peace

and progress. Let us be so. That can be our work, now and always!

MRS CLEO Z. GREGORIO
National President

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Section continued its normal work, with the usual activities of public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and lodge meetings every week. All Theosophical days were duly celebrated.

Lodges also organized some public meetings and symposia during the year, which were a good contribution for our work.

We had the great opportunity to receive several well-known Theosophists during the year, including Mr Wallace Slater, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, and Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta. Their inspired public lectures were well received by our members and the public.

In August, 30 members attended the

V Iberian Theosophical Week in Spain. It was a very successful gathering and a happy and fraternal event.

We were forced to drop 54 members from our list for nonpayment of dues. So, we had in September 274 members. The number of lodges remains the same (12) as last year.

Assuming the responsibility of General Secretary following my election to the post in the March annual Convention, I will do my best to keep it working to the Great Ideals for which the Theosophical Society was founded.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

Mr Juan Vinas, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, gave us a series of lectures about *The Secret Doctrine* and the Basis of Theosophy which were enjoyed by all the visitors as well as by our own members.

Our Society has promoted the interest of a group in the Dominican Republic to study Theosophy. Their interest has increased tremendously and we have

recommended their formal recognition by Adyar.

We received a donation of two short English movies about Theosophy, as well as printed material, also in English, which could be used in various courses. We have received useful literature from the Inter-American Theosophical Federation as well.

A donation of \$ 1,700 made possible the

expansion of the physical facilities of our bookstore, which has certainly helped increase the book sales.

Mr Felipe Garcia made an audio-visual documentary about certain aspects of the development of our Society.

Our finances also improved during the year.

Music has been a very important ingre-

dient in our various activities, played by three renowned musicians—a violinist, a concert pianist and a piano teacher.

Twenty-five new members were enrolled during the year, bringing the total to 143—in three lodges.

PROF. MIGUEL A. CHARNECO
General Secretary

SCOTLAND

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SPAIN

The Latin Countries Summer School organized by the Section in August was a very successful event marked by fraternity and instructive talks. It was attended by nearly 300 members from several countries, among them the General Secretaries of France and Belgium, the Vice-Chairman of the European Federation, and representatives of Italy, Switzerland and Canada.

The work goes on normally in the head-

quarters and branches. The Section now has 515 members. We expect to increase this in the coming year.

In response to invitations, two talks of 30 minutes each titled 'Theosophy and T.S.' were delivered over two different radio stations with nation-wide coverage.

DR JOSE MARIA VENDRELL BRUCET
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

A report on the activities of the T.S. in Sri Lanka for the year ending September 1983 must necessarily be overshadowed by the unfortunate events of the last week in July 1983. What took place (the burnings, looting and killing) was not the ethos of the people of Sri Lanka. It was an aberration, the causes of which are beyond the scope of this report. The lesson for the Section is that a greater effort

is essential to spread the teachings of Theosophy. The Annual Convention was held on 21 November 1982 when the General Secretary was re-elected for a further term of three years. In addition to the monthly meetings at our seven lodges, informal meetings to discuss study problems of members were a regular feature. Combined lodge meetings were held regularly.

It has been decided to bring out a quarterly theosophical journal as part of the Section activity. Plans are also being made to step up publicity which suffered a setback due to the recent tragic events.

Members of the Sri Ram lodge, especially the Vice-President and Secretary are active participants in the refugee rehabilita-

tion programme. The T.O.S. is active.

Members of the Shanti Marga lodge have translated into Sinhalese the first 100 verses of *The Voice of the Silence* which will be printed soon.

MR T. R. RUSTOMJEE
General Secretary

SWEDEN

In addition to public lectures several lodges have regular study groups. In Stockholm there are also two classes on *The Secret Doctrine*, one youth group and one Finnish speaking group.

Subjects for regular study include Theosophical Doctrines and Theosophical Wisdom, Theosophy in C. G. Jung's Psychology, and Meditation. The youth group staged two plays on 'Who is Responsible?' and 'How to live a Theosophical Life?' Both plays were marked by a sense of humour and deep sincerity.

Several of our members attended special events abroad during the year. A fifteen-member group was in Adyar for the Adyar Centenary Convention. Four members attended the Nairobi World Congress. Four members participated in the first European School of Theosophy at Tekels Park in England. These visits abroad have enriched the work in the lodges.

Our annual convention was held in May in Stockholm with Jaakko Kari Koskinen from Finland as the guest speaker. The four-day conference featured the theme 'Modern Thinking—Ancient Wisdom'.

The Swedish Summer School was held at Kreivila (Finland) with speakers from

Belgium, Denmark and Finland as well. The theme of the week was 'Unity, Brotherhood, Peace'. Participants came from the four Nordic countries: Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Finnish Theosophists took good care of all of us with overwhelming friendliness and generous hospitality.

Another highlight was a three-day 'Theosophical Hike' arranged in July as a tour in the woods of Bergslagen in western Sweden. The theme for the event was 'Oneness of Nature' and the hikers slept under the open sky while the campfire faded.

The headquarters bookshop and library in Stockholm are open four afternoons a week. The Section regularly published *Teosofi i Norden* in cooperation with Norway and a member's magazine, both of them quarterlies.

Last summer the Swedish translation of *Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom* was published—printed at the Vasanta Press, Adyar, with help from the NEP-Fund.

The number of members at the end of the year was 288.

MRS TERTTU EDIN
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

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U. S. A.

The activities of the American Section continue to expand, reaching out to an ever larger public.

Two new educational video cassettes were released during the year on 'The Unity of Man and the Universe' relating to *The Secret Doctrine* and scientific thought. A third one on Evolution is in production.

The Education Department makes available video tapes and films to the lodges and centres and its own video tapes can be borrowed by the members.

The special editions of *The American Theosophist* continue to have many new non-member subscribers. There was an increase in books borrowed from the Olcott Library, which mails books to subscribers from all over the United States.

The Publishing House continues to increase its sales, including publication of about ten new titles a year. There are three very successful Quest Bookshops in Wheaton, New York and Seattle.

The summer camps are effective in bringing members together. Four camps were held in various parts of the country.

Three series of radio programmes are distributed throughout the United States. The Correspondence Course continues to serve an important need in the Society's educational services to new members and to those who wish to learn about Theosophy without necessarily becoming members. Each new member receives a monthly

letter on Theosophy for 24 months, along with relevant bibliographies. An average of 880 letters per month were sent during the year.

Nearly 10,000 information leaflets were mailed during the year and 7,300 distributed over the counter.

The prisoner newsletter, *The Light Within*, a quarterly devoted to theosophical teachings, had an 82% increase in the mailing, which now stands at 715. The T.P.H. mailed approximately 4,100 slightly damaged books free to prisoners—'hand picked' to meet individual need. There is also a Prison Book Fund.

Bing Escudero, our national lecturer, once more travelled through the Section. His meeting with so many of our members brings the Headquarters closer to them, he himself being an example of goodwill.

The annual Science Seminar was held at Olcott in November on the theme Modern Science and the Ancient Wisdom.

The eleventh Annual Healers' Workshop was held at Pumpkin Hollow Camp for nurses, social workers, psychotherapists, physical therapists and others. It was led by Mrs Dora Kunz and Dr Dolores Krieger. Professionals in the health and health-related fields came from across the U.S.A. and Canada to share, study and practise. The average attendance was 60.

Dr Dolores Krieger and Dr Erik Peper have been holding workshops for nurses

and doctors in our camps for about 250 health professionals every year. Patients and nurses come together, as we teach Therapeutic Touch in all these workshops.

Mrs Dora Kunz and Miss Joy Mills visited various cities on lecture tours.

MRS DORA KUNZ
National President

URUGUAY

The visit of the International President was the highlight of the year and her two public lectures attracted a large audience.

Public lectures every Saturday cover various subjects related to all theosophical approaches.

Weekly radio programmes, financed by some members and friends, prove to be a very good form of sowing theosophical ideas in the minds of the public. The Annual Convention was held on 25th August in two sessions, one devoted to business.

As in previous years, special meetings

were held to celebrate theosophical days. The Library is open to the public Monday to Saturday, but this year has attracted fewer people.

We are preparing a detailed register of active members to bring the membership records up to date.

Various difficulties are encountered in the work and it is hoped that the countless stones on the road can be removed with the efforts of earnest members committed to Theosophy and the T.S.

MRS DOLORES GAGO DE FUERTE
General Secretary

WALES

Reasonable success marked the work of the Section during the year. Public meetings and study classes are well attended. At our public meetings we aim to give a wider knowledge of Theosophy and to help understand the theosophical teachings.

The Cardiff Lodge studied the Three Fundamental Propositions of *The Secret Doctrine* during the year and is now studying *The Mahatma Letters*. The

Colwyn Bay Lodge also has regular study groups to gain better understanding of the theosophical teachings.

Contacts with like-minded groups are being maintained, thus helping dissemination of the message of Theosophy.

Membership stays about the same and the trend towards a lower average age is still in evidence.

MRS ELISE PROBERT
General Secretary

YUGOSLAVIA

Practically all our meetings were open to non-members. The theme of the Summer School this year, held in Gozd Martuljek in the Alps, was 'Theosophical Relationships of Man toward Himself and the World Around Him'.

During the year, a translation of Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible*, including all the illustrations in colour, was brought out.

The *Bhagavad Gita*, translated by Prof. Djuro Robotic, former President of the Harmony Lodge in Zagreb, was published privately by his wife after his death.

International visitors included Rohit and Shridevi Mehta from India and Dr H. van der Hecht from Belgium.

MR EMILIO TRAMPUZ
General Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

BOLIVIA

Theosophical work in Bolivia continues on the normal pattern with many lodges holding weekly meetings and public lectures. Some lodges are facing difficulties because of the acute economic problems prevalent in the country.

Our annual convention was held in Santa Cruz in October 1982. The two-

day meeting was well attended by members from various lodges and talks and discussions covered a variety of topics. It was a friendly, fraternal and successful convention.

MR MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO
Presidential Agent

MALAYSIA

The Theosophical Society in Malaysia gathered greater momentum during the year.

The Seramban Lodge weekly meetings were well attended. The lodge also conducts occasional workshops and seminars for the public. The Montessori School run by the lodge as part of its social service has grown to an enrolment of over 200 children. This service has been well appreciated by the community.

The Selangor Lodge has extended its activities significantly during the year. Gita classes on Wednesdays and Yoga classes

on Sundays received good responses. The Lodge also runs a Montessori School which has now grown significantly.

The study group formed in Penang last year is continuing with sustained interest. It is hoped to turn this study group into a full-fledged lodge.

In the year ahead we hope to concentrate on an effective library service and distribution of theosophical literature on a bigger scale.

MR S. NARAYANAN
Presidential Agent

PAKISTAN

There are four theosophical lodges and one centre in Pakistan. Much of the work is at Karachi, where both the lodge and T.O.S. are very active.

The Karachi lodge, with a membership of 122, conducts a regular weekly study class in addition to public lectures and special T.S. anniversary observances. It also publishes an eight-page monthly bulletin which is mailed to members in other lodges also.

The T.S. in Karachi has its own two-storeyed building with a 450-seat auditorium and a well-stocked library of 13,000 volumes. The income from renting out the auditorium helps to meet the salary of paid staff and repairs to the building.

The second floor is rented to the T.O.S. which runs a large Montessori School for 300 children in two shifts. The T.O.S. is

also active in relief work, giving scholarships to needy children and animal welfare.

The lodge in Hyderabad (Sind) has picked up its activities after a slump of many years and now has a membership of 125. There are also small lodges in Lahore (8 members) and Quetta (11 members).

Theosophical work in Pakistan has suffered due to lack of members qualified to conduct studies, give lectures and otherwise promote the activities of branches. We need the help of the International Headquarters and other well established National Societies to provide workers and lecturers, and we hope such help will be forthcoming.

MRS GOOL K. MINWALLA
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

Reorganization of our library was completed during the year under review, enabling us to render more efficient service to members and the public.

Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon and talks/discussions cover a wide range of theosophical subjects, meditation and yoga. After the meeting, tea and refreshments are served while members and visitors exchange ideas and opinions. Theosophical studies and seminars are also held.

A new lodge, Fraternity, was formed during the year. It has started service activities like visiting homes for old people and formation of the Society for the Protection of Animals.

We could not publish our journal *Unidad* because of some difficulties, but will try to bring it out in the coming year.

Mr Miguel Charneco, General Secretary of the Puerto Rican Section visited us in the course of a tour of Latin lodges to develop better relationship. He has promised us certain films and books during his next visit.

We suffered a great loss in the death of Mr Pablo Bonilla, a long-standing dedicated worker and ex-Presidential Agent.

DR ROGER VIVAS-DECANIO
Presidential Agent

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

AFRICA, WEST

The annual convention was held in Accra, Ghana, in April when the National Council reviewed the activities and drew up plans for organizational work. Mr. John O.K. Edusei was elected as Organizing Secretary, succeeding Mr Isaac K. Zaney.

An Education Unit has been set up at Accra headed by Mr. I. K. Zaney to draw up study programmes and prepare brochures to cover training of speakers and holding workshops.

A committee was appointed to resuscitate the *West African Theosophical Journal* which has been moribund for some years.

A week-end seminar held in Kumasi in August attracted 60 members from the region. In addition to speeches on the theme 'The Search Within' there were also discussions and Question and Answer sessions. The seminar was

marked by friendliness and brotherly feeling.

A local reprint of *At the Feet of the Master* for sale to both members and the general public was brought out.

Reports from branches in Ghana, Nigeria and Liberia indicate regular activity, including celebration of theosophical anniversaries.

The new Organizing Secretary toured several places during the year and intends to cover the rest of the area in the coming months.

There is a keen interest in Theosophy and theosophical work in many places despite various problems. Our task is to improve members' understanding and conception of Theosophy as a way of life, and we are encouraged by the several responses already received.

MR JOHN O. K. EDUSEI
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

A restructuring of the Federation into two language groups took place in January 1983, with the formation of the Societ e Theosophique du Quebec (STQ). The STQ comprises French-speaking members with two lodges—Aleph and Christos. While remaining an integral part of the Federation, it now administers its own affairs, including programming, with an experienced leadership able to attract and teach many new students of Theosophy.

The Federation magazine, with its new title *Theosophy* is again issued three

times a year. It serves to spread Theosophy not only among members, but also many interested friends in Canada and abroad.

The English-speaking lodges in eastern and western Canada held weekly or bi-weekly members' meetings throughout the season. Material studied included *Isis Unveiled* and *Self-Culture* (by I.K. Taimni).

The first general meeting of the STQ was held in May 1983. The Vice-President of the French Section, Michel Chapotin, visited Montreal in May and gave a public lecture. In November,

Miss Diana Dunningham will come from Krotona to give a public talk for the STQ as well as our lodges in Toronto.

Two joint French and English activities were held during the year: the Annual Convention in Ontario in May; and the Federation Council meeting hosted by the STQ in Montreal in Sep-

tember. The Convention was a successful weekend. The theme was 'Man and His World'.

In summary, the year was one of much dedicated work and quiet progress.

MRS H.B. JACKSON
Coordinator

IRELAND, NORTHERN

The 35th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland was held in May 1983 with Mr Guido M. Hass, a member of the Dublin Lodge, as guest speaker. His talk, 'Father-Mother—The Duality of Creation' was warmly received and enjoyed by all our members and the public. At the business session the existing officers were re-elected for another term of office.

Our programme of public activities in the form of talks and discussions was inspiring and comprehensive as it usually is. Topics ranged from 'The Seeker and the Sought' to 'Exploring Inner Space' and 'The Quintessence of Yoga'. The discussions, 'Ban the Bomb?', 'Karma'

and 'Back to Nature or Forward with Nature?' were very stimulating and offered the opportunity for wider public participation.

Members' meetings on Wednesdays were well attended. We are now exploring 'The Science of Yoga' by I.K. Taimni.

Our membership, totalling 47, includes a band of dedicated workers and with the continuous support of so many members who never hesitate to offer their talents—be this culinary or otherwise—to the task in hand, I am sure we can look confidently to the future.

MR TONY RODRIGUEZ
Regional Secretary

FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

During the year we have issued News Letter No. 9-12. Summer Schools have been held in different Sections. The journals in various languages seem to be thriving. Books are being translated in the different Sections as far as funds allow and with the help of the NEPF.

Dr van der Hecht, our Vice-Chairman, visited the Pichl Summer School (Austria) and the Greek and Yugoslavian Sections in 1982 and was guest speaker at the Finnish and Swedish Summer Schools this year. Ianthe Hoskins attended the World Congress in Nairobi and lectured there. She also lectured in Germany

and Spain; was guest teacher at the Krotana School of Theosophy in California, and toured the New Zealand and Australian Sections. Anneliese Stephen attended the Krotana School of Theosophy and lectured in Switzerland and Germany (where she also held seminars). Mary Anderson was in Adyar for the Centenary Convention and lectured in Germany, France and Switzerland. Curt Berg lectured in Finland and Norway as well as Sweden. I attended the World Congress in Nairobi and lectured in Finland.

Francoise Caracostea has been busy with preparations for the 1984 European Congress in Pau. Members speaking different languages should be able to follow the programme, talks being translated as far as possible into different languages beforehand, so that no one feels excluded.

Preparations for the visit of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, to Europe in the summer of 1984 are in full swing.

The most important European event during the year was the launching of the first European School of Theosophy in October 1982 at Tekels Park, England. It was well attended. The teachers were

Ianthe Hoskins, Geoffrey Farthing and Adam Warcup. Mrs Elise Probert, Wales, the School's very efficient Secretary, is now engaged in preparing the next session, to be held in October 1983 in Germany.

There is a need to increase the knowledge of basic Theosophy as presented a century ago. At the same time our 'windows' should be open to what is going on in the world at present.

More and more European nations are suffering unemployment. More people try to commit suicide than are killed in road accidents! So much unhappiness, so many minds in disorder! A background philosophy like ours must with time penetrate the present efforts in the direction of a peaceful world. And our old European Continent must learn to give up its dominant position and invite other parts of the world to play their own roles for the benefit of our whole globe. Theosophy will be more and more important as a common denominator for different religions and philosophies.

My thanks to all who have helped to coordinate and benefit our work for Theosophy in Europe!

MRS BARBRO MELANDER
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

During 1983 the World Theosophical Youth Federation continued its work of sharing the spirit of the Theosophical Society among young people. There is no doubt that 1983 was a good year of activities and during 1984 we plan to continue the work with still more vigour.

The main focus of its work is still in Brazil where it has several youth groups holding regular weekly meetings. The main youth groups in Brazil are in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre.

There are about one hundred youngsters engaged in the WTYF work in Brazil and some individual members in U.S.A., England, Holland, Tanzania, India, Philippines and Japan. We cannot forget also the support and friendly relation with the Australian T.S. General Secretary, Miss Dianne K. Kynaston.

Our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, visited Brazil during the year and

had the opportunity to know better the work of the WTYF in Brazil. The visit was very inspiring to all our members and workers.

The President of the Brazilian Youth Federation, Marina V.L. Cesar, organized two youth camps during the year. Both were a great success, with average attendance of 50 young people each.

Our newsletter *The Universal Man* was published thrice during the year, with valuable contributions of Jeff Clark from Japan and Vicente Hoo Chin Jr. from the Philippines.

The Chairman and other members of the WTYF from Brazil visited the U.S.A. this year. These visits were important to spread a knowledge about the WTYF work more widely.

MR ARNALDO SISSON FILHO
Chairman

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge

The Comilla Lodge is the only unit of the Theosophical Society in Bangladesh. We are still recovering from the total destruction of the lodge during the Liberation struggle in 1971.

There were fifty-four meetings of the lodge during the year under review, including special meetings on Theosophical anniversaries. Talks and discussions covered theosophical topics and teachings of Buddhism, Islam, Christian-

ity and Hinduism. Meetings are now being held on Fridays that being the weekly holiday instead of Sundays.

We have at present 31 members, the majority of them old people. Our main problem is how to infuse new blood in the lodge. Visits by well-known Theosophists may help.

REV D.R. MAHATHERO
President

CAMEROON

No Report

EGYPT

No Report

HONG KONG

(Report for 1982 and 1983)

Ours is a lodge with limited membership (15), whose main interest is in Buddhist studies and comparative religions. We discussed at our meetings the essential doctrines of various religions and found that they were harmonious on some points. We all agreed to read more books of all religions including Theosophy to widen our knowledge.

I was invited by the Sri Lanka Government to participate in a Buddhist Scholars Conference in June 1982 and delivered a lecture on 'Survival and Development—Buddhist Perspective'. I also regularly

participate in the bi-monthly Religious Cultural Group in Hong Kong comprising Christian clergy, Buddhist monks and Confucian scholars.

We welcomed several visitors from abroad, including Mr R. Gopalaratnam, then International Secretary, in March 1982.

We are grateful to Dr R. Ching for allowing us to hold our meetings in his house and for the generous hospitality on such occasions.

MR P. Y. KO

Secretary

ISRAEL

Harmony Lodge

Although the majority of our members (13 fellows in good standing) have reached a very advanced age—one is now 95, but still enthusiastically active—we continue our activities as best we can. We enjoy the participation of a number of 'permanent' visitors who attend our meetings regularly.

Lectures were given by Mr Hans Zeuger, Lodge President, 'on various

theosophical themes. He donates part of the fees for his astrological consultations to the coffers of the lodge.

Various theosophical books, written in English and German, were translated into Russian by one of our polyglottal members.

MR HANS ZEUGER

President

Covenant Lodge

Our meetings take place regularly twice a month. Some of the meetings are attended by guests. We studied the philosophy of Lao Tze, the teachings of Krishnamurti, Karma, and Thought Power. We took pictures from the book *Man*

Visible and Invisible (C.W.L.) and from the books of Geoffrey Hodson. We have 26 members.

MRS BERTHE AL. DOMINIC
President

JAPAN

Nippon Lodge, Tokyo

Interest in Theosophy is gradually increasing in Japan, but the essence of Theosophy is still far from most minds. It is our responsibility to give a right understanding of Theosophy to Japanese searchers.

We hold our regular meetings every second Sunday afternoon and study meetings twice a month. We are studying *The Key to Theosophy* on the 3rd Saturday and concentrating solely on H.P.B.'s deep thought, while on the 1st Saturday, we presented our individual research on comparative religion, social affairs, Yoga and other matters. Besides these meetings, we have a small Agni Yoga study group in Tokyo which meets twice a month and sends a monthly bulletin to local members.

In the monthly magazine, I have translated 'What is Theosophy', 'Who is a Theosophist?' and 'Is Theosophy a Religion?' from H.P.B.'s *Collected Writ-*

ings. I am also continuing work on *The Key to Theosophy*.

Publications: We published *Thought Forms* by C. W. Leadbeater with the help of a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund and Wheaton, which loaned us all the colour negatives. Also we brought out the 2nd printing of *When Daylight Comes*. We are planning to publish soon *Man, Visible and Invisible* and *The Key to Theosophy*.

We had several visitors from abroad, including Lady Welby from England, Mr Harry J. McBride, Miss Nancy Davis and Mr Michael P. Berteaux from the United States, Mr R. Soejatno from Indonesia and Mr S. Narayanan from Malaysia. Four of our members attended the Indo-Pacific Conference in Manila in January.

MRS EMIKO TANAKA
President

PERU

In July 1983, the four Theosophical lodges in Peru—HPB, HPB (A), Luz-del-Maestro and Paz-y-Amor—held a joint meeting to consider their amalgamation under the name: Sociedad Teosofica Peruana. This proposition was unanimously accepted.

The Society will have hard work and some problems to solve such as the lack of a place for public meetings. However, we are very confident and full of optimism for the future.

SONIA CAMPOS
Secretary

SINGAPORE

Lectures, meditation sessions and study classes on *The Voice of the Silence* are among our activities. Theosophical days are celebrated at special meetings followed by a vegetarian buffet dinner.

Our membership has reached 95, with 49 regular members and 46 Associate members. A good number of books were added to the Library, received as donations from members and friends. Optimum use is being made of the Library by both

members and the public, who are impressed by the wide spectrum of topics covered by the books. Steps are being taken to preserve old and out-of-print books.

Among visitors were Mr K. Ramanathan from Adyar and Mr S. Narayanan, Presidential Agent for Malaysia.

MR LEN P RODRIGO
President

SURINAME

Ours is a small lodge of ten members plus two members from the Indian Section. Suriname is a small country of 350,000 population.

We hold regular Sunday meetings and in addition I conduct a fortnightly study class on 'Theosophical Teachings'. About

20 non-members are also attending the study class regularly.

I also give occasional talks to other religious groups on invitation.

MR R. K. SINGH
President

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Government of India, that the Association of the Library, School, and Chamber, established by the Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a company under the above Act.



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOHAMED
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

Witness My Hand
at Madras
this 13th April 1905.

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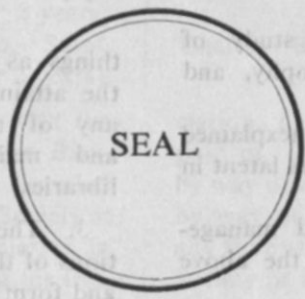
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(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

President-Foundation: H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President: A. E. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary: Hon. Sri S. Subramanian Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Secretary: W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
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IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder,' and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of
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answerable

General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

„ PYARE LAL ..

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 { „ W. A. ENGLISH
 { „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 { „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,' ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The **General Council** shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the **Removal of General Council members and officers** General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies,

by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may

appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any **Resolutions** resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the **Who Shall Preside** Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings

of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinafter detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years

immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or

other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other

things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed

from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by cooption.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called

by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

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Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident,

illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit

the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full

members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The

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Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the

General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. **Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-Large** in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges

(Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their

authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the

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National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments there-to shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

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40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of 'The . . . Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

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FINANCE

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other

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regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the

Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows

being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be

determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result.... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

DIRECTORY

1984

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MRS RADHA BURNIER

Vice-President: MR SURENDRA NARAYAN

Secretary: MRS NORMA Y. SASTRY

Treasurer: MISS TJIOE SIANG NIO

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	... Mr Kanoobhai A. Patel	... P.O. Box 40476, Mufulira, Zambia
1909	Africa, South	... Mr Arthur Bunton	... P.O. Box 47, Pretoria 0001
1956	Africa, West*	... Mr John O.K. Edusei	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Mrs Pilar Madrigal Nito	... Apartado Postal 1124, Managua, Nicaragua
1920	Argentina	... Mr. Juan Carlos Palmeri	... Santiago 320, 2000 Rosario (Santa Fé)
1895	Australia	... Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	... 4th Flr., 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1912	Austria	... Dr Norbert Lauppert	... Postfach 655, A-8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	... Mr Ch. Lallemand	... Avenue J. Bordet, 72 Bte 5, B-1140 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia†	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	... Mr João Baptista Brito Pinto	... R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10º andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	... Mr Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta-T3C 2M3
1924	Canada*	... Mrs H.B. Jackson	... P.O. Box 1202, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4
1920	Chile	... Mr Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	... Mr Walter Ballesteros	... Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	... Dr Lelia Fernández Pagola	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	... Mrs Marion Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	... Dr Hugh Gray	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	... Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	... Mrs Francoise Caracostea	... 4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs Eva Maas	... An der Lachebrücke 10, 645° Hanan M.I.
1928	Greece	... Mr C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou Street 6, Athens 122
1921	Iceland	... Mrs Helga Jóakimsdóttir	... Ingólfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik

1891	India	...	Dr. C. V. Agarwal	...	The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221010
1912	Indonesia	...	Mr H.M. Soesiswo	...	Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timur
1949	Ireland N*	...	Mr Antonio Rodriguez	...	Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	...	Dr Ian Gowan	...	31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	...	Mr Edoardo Bratina	...	via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia†	...	Mr S. Narayanan	...	12 Lorong-Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	...	Mr Alfonso Morales	...	Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1897	Netherlands, The	...	Mrs Ineke Vrolijk	...	Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	...	Mr Conrad A. Jamieson	...	18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	...	Mr T. Degenaars	...	42 Klokkejordet, 1364 Hvalstad
1948	Pakistan†	...	Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	...	'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	...	Mrs Cleo Z. Gregorio	...	600 La Salle, Greenhills, Mandaluyong, Metro-Manila
1921	Portugal	...	Dr Maria G. Nobre Santos	...	Campo Martires da Patria 69, r/c- Dto., Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	...	Prof. Miguel A. Charneco	...	G.P.O. Box 1766, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
1910	Scotland†	...	Mrs Margaret T. Senior	...	2 Brodieshill Cottages, nr Forres, Moray, IV 36 OQU
1921	Spain	...	Dr José Maria Vendrell Brucet	...	Sociedad Teosofica Española, Ríos Rosas, 25-1 ^o -Da, Madrid 3
1926	Sri Lanka	...	Mr T.R. Rustomjee	...	127/1, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1895	Sweden	...	Mrs Terttu Edin	...	Domarstigen 12, 175 63 Jarfalla
1910	Switzerland	...	Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	Binderstrasse 62, CH—8702, Zollikon
1886	United States of America	...	Mrs Dora Kunz	...	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0270
1925	Uruguay	...	Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte	...	J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Coreos 1553
1953	Venezuela†	...	Dr Roger Vivas-Dacanio	...	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	...	Mrs E.T. Probert	...	21 Alfreda Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF 4 2EH
1925	Yugoslavia	...	Dr Augustin Gerden	...	Dalmatinova 9, Ljubljana 61000

*Regional Association

†Presidential Agency

The Council of the European Federation of National Societies:

Chairman: Mrs B. Melander, Beleshogsvagen S-21618, Malmö, Sweden

Inter-American Theosophical Federation: President: Mr Manuel Farinich, Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation: President: Mr S. Narayanan, 12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

World Theosophical Youth Federation: Chairman: Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto Alegre, 90000 Brazil

Additional Members of the General Council

- Mrs GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Mr JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Dr HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr V. WALLACE SLATER, 55, Southfields, Hendon, London NW4 4LX, England (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr SEYMOUR BALLARD, 3 Manor Close, Cassington, Oxford OX8 1ER England (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Mrs EMILY SELLO, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Miss JOY MILLS, Krotana 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Miss IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7LL, England (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr C.R.N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr CURT BERG, Sparrisbacken 63, S-162-37 Vallingby, Sweden (for 1982, 1983 and 1984)
- Mr N. MUTHUSWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1982, 1983 and 1984)
- Mr JUAN VINAS, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 24 December 1983 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the Chair) and proxy for France, Belgium, Sweden, Uruguay and Mr Seymour Ballard.</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Germany, Italy, Cuba, Colombia and Mrs G. K. Minwalla.</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>Secretary and proxy for Argentina, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, Central America and Miss Joy Mills.</i>
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Puerto Rico.</i>
Dr Hugh Gray	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England, and proxy for the Netherlands.</i>
Dr A. Kannan	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India.</i>
Mr H. D. Shah	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in East and Central Africa.</i>
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Brazil.</i>
Mr N. Muthuswamy	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Burma.</i>

Present by Invitation as Observers

Mrs Helen Jamieson	<i>New Zealand</i>
Mr Paul Zwollo	<i>Netherlands</i>

The President welcomed the members present and said that Miss Ianthe Hoskins, Additional Member, could not come as planned because of illness. Proxies were read. Several proxies were invalid since they were in favour of Miss Hoskins and others who were not present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 26 and 27 December 1982 were confirmed and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes**Adyar Newsletter (Item 7)*

As an experiment an extra edition of the Newsletter was brought out in French, German and Spanish. The response to this edition was not up to expectation and it was decided to stop publication of this edition. The English edition of the Newsletter continues to be published regularly and is appreciated.

3. *Confirmation of Voting Results*(a) *Election of Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President*

The term of the Vice-President being due to expire, under Rule 11 (a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President renominated Mr Surendra Narayan to that office for a further term. The result of the voting by members of the General Council was as follows :

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
40	—	1	41

The election of Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for three years beginning on 1 January 1984 was confirmed.

(b) *Election of Miss Tjioe Siang Nio as Treasurer*

The term of the Treasurer being due to expire, under Rule 13 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President nominated Miss Tjioe Siang Nio as Treasurer for another term. The result of the voting by members of the General Council was as follows :

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
40	—	1	41

The election of Miss Tjioe as Treasurer for three years beginning on 1 January 1984 was confirmed.

(c) *Election of Additional Members for the years 1984, 1985 and 1986.*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President renominated six members for election as Additional Members of the General Council. The result of the voting by members of the General Council was as follows :

Name	For	Against	Abstaining	Total
Mrs Emily Sellon	39	1	2	42
Mr James S. Perkins	38	2	2	42
Mr V. Wallace Slater	41	—	1	42
Dr Hugh Shearman	40	—	2	42
Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins	39	2	1	42
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	40	—	2	42

All the above-named were declared elected as Additional Members for 1984, 1985 and 1986.

(d) *Amendment of Rule 43 (a)*

As the financial year of the Society once again commences on 1 October, a consequential amendment to Rule 43 (a) was proposed as follows (amendments in italics) and circulated to the members of the General Council for voting :

Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of *September* of the current year, and the financial year shall close on *30th September*.

The result of the voting was as follows :

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
33	2	—	35

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

The Council expressed its appreciation of the fact that the New Zealand Section was voluntarily remitting 30 per cent of its annual dues to Adyar instead of the required 15 per cent and the East and Central African Section had remitted 25 per cent of its annual dues.

4. *Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1983.*

The report was considered. The Vice-President said that the list of books for translation and publication in languages other than English was expanded as per the decision of the General Council. The expanded list was approved by the Council. The Vice-President will circulate the same.

It was agreed that the Non-English Publications Fund in Europe should be maintained so that (a) there should be no delay in releasing funds on the basis of decisions of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee and (b) that for this purpose the Fund should be invested in such a manner that a part of it (the amount likely to be released during a year) can be converted into cash without incurring either losses on sales of bonds or substantial bank charges on account of 'overdraw', which is the case at present. The

investment should thus have the twin objectives of maximizing the yield and ready availability of money for the work for which the Fund exists. For this purpose a Committee consisting of the Vice-President, Mr Curt Berg and Mr Michel Chapotin was appointed. The manner of investment of the Fund will be on the basis of decisions of this Committee from time to time.

The Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year 1984 shall consist of the following :

President	Chairman
Vice-President	Vice-Chairman
Mrs Helen Gething	Chairman, T.P.H., London
Mr Clarence Pederson	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
Miss Joy Mills	Member
The Chairman, European Federation	
The Chairman, Inter-American Federation	

5. *Appointment of the International Finance Committee for 1984.*

The following were appointed members of the International Finance Committee for the year 1984:

Mrs Radha Burnier, President
 Mr Surendra Narayan, Vice-President
 Mr Wallace Slater
 Mrs Dora Kunz
 Mr Curt Berg
 Mr Michel Chapotin

6. *Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1983.*

A summary of the Executive Committee's Minutes for 1982-83 was received and discussed. The President mentioned that there was urgent need to start construction of residential accommodation in Besant Gardens and also to have a new building for the Theosophical Publishing House in Besant Gardens adjacent to the Vasanta Press. Steps were being taken accordingly.

The President also mentioned that she was keen on completely reorganizing the nature and pattern of education in the Olcott Memorial Schools, so that they will become worthy memorials to the President-Founder, helping the students to imbibe the basic values of life and, at the same time, giving training in crafts which could help them to earn their living. This is, however, not possible under the prevailing system. By receiving grants from the Government, the schools are put under all kinds of rules and restrictions. To become self-supporting, an endowment fund will have to be built up and an appeal for donations made. Before the centenary of the schools, it is hoped to effect important changes.

7. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1984.*

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1984:

Mrs Radha Burnier	President
Mr Surendra Narayan	Vice President
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	Secretary
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	Treasurer
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	General Council Member
Mr N. Muthuswamy	General Council Member
Mr John Clarke	
Mr Ch. Shankar Rao	
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

8. *Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 30 September 1983.*

The reports and accounts were considered.

It was noted that the overall financial position was not unsatisfactory, taking into account the expenditure that has to be incurred on the upkeep of old buildings and on the security of the estate.

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 30 September 1983 were adopted.

9. *Revised Budget for the year ending 30 September 1984.*

The budget was considered. It was noted that provision was being made in the capital budget for building two new cottages in Besant Gardens, a new building for the Theosophical Publishing House as also for erecting compound walls to prevent incursions from the adjoining villages.

The budget was adopted.

A question came up whether the old Olcott School premises should be sold if a good price was offered or whether we should start philanthropic activities therein under the auspices of the Theosophical Society or the Theosophical Order of Service. The Council was of the view that the property should not be sold, but, instead, welfare activities for the poor of the area should be carried on there.

10. *Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1984.*

N. A. Naganathan & Co. were appointed as Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1984 on the prevailing terms.

11. *Proposals for amendments to the Rules and Regulations.*

At the meeting of the General Council held on 27 December 1982, proposals made by the European Federation for providing safeguards in the election of officers and the eligibility of members to vote were considered. After discussion, the President and Vice-President were asked to frame specific proposals for amendment of the Rules and Regulations with the aid of any other members. Accordingly, after consultation and advice from Mr C. R. N. Swamy and Miss Joy Mills, Additional Members, and Madame Françoise Caracostea, General Secretary for France, the following proposals for amendment of Rules 29, 33 and 38 were circulated to members of the General Council:

Rule 29 (a) : Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or through the Secretary, *on submission of an application sponsored by two members who have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years*; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

29 (d): *Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member who has been a member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections, matters relating to property, the framing and amending of rules or any other important questions pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies, or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society.*

Rule 33: Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

Rule 38 (a): Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) *General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately prior to their election to the office concerned.*

Comments were received from 9 Sections and 4 Additional Members of the Council. After detailed consideration of these and discussion, the following decisions were taken:

Rule 29 (a)

The proposed amendment to the Rule, given above, is not to be circulated, the general view being that it would deter applicants in isolated places and yet not serve as a safeguard. According to Rule 29 (b), a General Secretary has the option to accept an application or not. He is also free to recommend non-acceptance to the President, from whom membership diplomas derive their authority.

It was decided to circulate the following suggested addition to Rule 29 as an alternative, and invite the comments of members of the General Council.

Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be, and in the case of the National Society, such discretion may be exercised by the General Secretary or by a Committee of three appointed for the purpose by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Society.

The meeting was adjourned to 2 p.m. on 24 December 1983.

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 24 December 1983 at 2 p.m.*

PRESENT

All those present at the meeting held in the morning with the addition of the following :

By Invitation as Observer

Mr R. Soebroto *Indonesia*

The discussion on the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations continued.

Rule 29 (d) (new paragraph to be added after 29 (c))

While discussing the proposed amendment, in the light of comments received, it was pointed out that Rule 10 already stipulates that only members in good standing for two years are eligible to vote in the election of the President.

The proposed amendment of Rule 29 (by the addition of a new paragraph), modified as follows, is to be circulated to the General Council members for voting :

Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies, or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the international Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Rule 33

The proposed amendment to Rule 33 (by addition of a paragraph) modified as follows, is to be circulated to General Council members for voting :

“Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the international Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.”

Rule 38

The proposed amendment to Rule 38 (addition of a sub-clause), modified as follows, is to be circulated to members of the General Council for voting :

Rule 38 (a) : Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

12. *Any Other Business*

(a) *Argentine Proposal to amend Rule 35*

Comments and proposals were received from the General Secretary for Argentina concerning the management of T.S. properties. He has also suggested amendments to Rule 35, but since these were received only shortly before the meeting of the General Council, they could not be fully examined. The Vice-President was requested to examine them, before they are circulated to members of the General Council for their comments.

(b) *T.S. in Ireland*

The President read a letter from Dr Hugh Shearman and reported about the situation in the Republic of Ireland. There is some activity only in Dublin. The General Secretary has been absent from the country ever since his election. Annual Conventions are not held. There are many problems connected with the property in Dublin and much disharmony prevails.

There was a discussion on the situation and it was decided that some further clarification is necessary before action can be taken.

(c) *T.S. in Scotland*

It was reported that there have been no elections in Scotland for some time. The situation is not satisfactory. It was decided that a Presidential Representative should be appointed and the Charter of the Section withdrawn.

The meeting was adjourned to 2 January 1984 at 8 a.m.

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 2 January 1984 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

All those present at the meeting held on 24 December 1984 at 2 p.m. except for the following :

Dr C. V. Agarwal *General Secretary, T.S. in India*
(in place of Dr A. Kannan)

12. *Any Other Business*

(c) *Yugoslav Section*

There were numerous complaints about the improper nature of the activities, character of work and the undesirable style of functioning of certain office-bearers and members of the Yugoslav Section and of certain Lodges (Branches) therein. The President had, therefore, requested the Chairman of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society to have an enquiry conducted in regard to these complaints. The enquiry was entrusted by the Chairman of the European Federation to the Vice-Chairman of the Federation, Dr H. van der Hecht. The report of the enquiry, dated 11 December 1983, with which Mrs Barbro Melander, Chairman of the European Federation, fully concurred, was received by the President. The report, along with other related documents, was placed before the General Council. After careful consideration, the General Council agreed with the conclusions drawn in the report and in related papers, and recommended that the President take the following action :

- (i) The Diplomas (Certificates) of membership of the following eight members be cancelled :—

Emilio Trampuz, Aristid Havlicek, Igor Jerman, Violeta Reiser, Horvat Stefan, Erklavec Lado, Rade Terzic and Jelena Sikiric.

- (ii) The Charters of the following Lodges (Branches) be cancelled :—

Lodge 'Brotherhood' (Bratsvo), in Ljubljana,
Lodge 'Truth' (Istina), in Belgrade,
Lodge 'Harmony' (Sklad), in Zagreb,
Lodge 'Phoenix', in Zagreb, and
Lodge 'Rukmini', in Vojnik.

- (iii) That it be declared that from now on Lodges 'Service' (Sluzenje), 'Love,' (Ljubav) and 'Understanding' (Razumevanje) alone officially represent and constitute the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia.
- (iv) It is also to be made clear that while the members of the five dissolved Lodges except those whose Diplomas are being expressly cancelled, may retain their membership of the Theosophical Society, they are not to be allowed to join the remaining three Lodges mentioned in (iii) above unless specially authorized to do so by at least two of the Presidents of these three Lodges. Also that the formation of new Lodges in the Yugoslav Section will be allowed later on by the President if sufficient evidence is made available that the new Lodges will function in accordance with the objects, nature and character of the Theosophical Society.

The meeting was then closed.
